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Progress reports

All Bay High students in grades seven through ten will receive progress reports today, for the third week.

Randolph to speak

Hancock County School District Superintendent Terrell Randolph will be the featured speaker at the Hancock County North Elementary School PTO meeting, scheduled today at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Special program

The Greater A.M.E. Church family cordially invites the public to come worship on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. as they celebrate the Annual Founder's Day/Black History/League Day program. They ask that any choir group or soloist render two selections for this program. For more information, call (601) 533-9976.

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Baxter sentenced to three years

BY ED LEPOMA

George Baxter, former president of Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino, was sentenced Wednesday to 37 months in a federal prison, and ordered to begin serving the term by noon on March 11.

In a plea bargaining agreement reached with the U.S. Attorney last August, Baxter had entered a guilty plea to a charge of interstate travel in execution of fraud. He was originally scheduled to be sentenced last Sept. 6, but was granted a delay after suffering a stroke.

Baxter and his attorney, Don Rafferty stood silently as U.S. District Court Judge Sarah S. Vance imposed sentencing in a hushed courtroom at the Hale Boggs Federal Building in New Orleans Wednesday morning.

Vance rejected requests that Baxter be sentenced under more lenient fraud guidelines than the federal money laundering charge he consented to in the bargaining agreement.

The stern-faced judge said she also took into account Baxter's financial condition by not imposing a large fine, but she dismissed arguments that Baxter should not be imprisoned because he suffered a disabling stroke last September, and has been treated for prostate cancer.

About 50 friends of Baxter, primarily from Diamondhead where he lives, were in the second-floor courtroom to offer support for him, but none spoke, although Rafferty publicly thanked them for coming to the proceedings.

Rafferty told the judge he submitted to her several letters on Baxter's behalf from a number of people, including Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson and members of the Hancock County Tourism and Gaming Commission.

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George Baxter

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Board, District showdown set

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BY ED LEPOMA

The Board of Supervisors and the Solid Waste District are scheduled for a showdown today over the direction of Hancock County's future plans for disposing of household garbage.

Supervisors have scheduled a 5 p.m. workshop session at its Courthouse board room with the three-member Solid Waste District.

And, District Chairman Les Fillingame said he plans to outline, in no uncertain terms, what the newly elected Board of Supervisors can and cannot do to amend or alter a 20-year solid waste plan that was initiated by previous supervisors, and agreed to by the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

Fillingame said he also plans to tell them the possible consequences of pulling out of the pact altogether.

"If they pull out," Fillingame said, "it will set back consolidation efforts in this county by 20 years."

At the heart of the matter is the fact that the five new supervisors don't want any part of plans to open a county landfill in the rural community of Standard, where the county has operated a rubbish site for more than 20 years.

The landfill already has preliminary approval from federal and state environmental agencies to open, and the county has spent more than \$100,000 on soil testing and engineering designs.

In a public hearing held before the new Board of Supervisors took office, several residents of Standard objected to the landfill, although the site was selected because it is in a sparsely populated area off Highway 603. Ousted District 3 Supervisor Howard Lizana and Hancock County School Supt. Myrna Bourgeois blamed rumors about what will be dumped at Standard (even though it will be non-hazardous) for the opposition.

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Parade season begins

Mardi Gras parade season was officially kicked-off Saturday in Hancock County with the annual Krewe of Kids parade in the Cedar Point area of Bay St. Louis. These two young ladies cruised along the parade route in a wagon. The parade for the youngsters was coordinated by District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand. For more pictures, see page 1B. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Trolley service may end in March

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis City Council paid over \$37,000 to help buy the trolley that may stop running locally March 31 -- but no

refund is due from Coast Transit Authority if the city cancels service, officials say.

In addition to the lost trolley investment, the city likely

will lose its representative on the Coast Transit Authority, Bob Travers. Without Bay St. Louis participation in the transit system, Travers said he has

no standing to remain on the board.

Travers and other CTA officials are amid an all-out push to keep at least a reduced level

of transit operating in Bay St. Louis. A group of downtown merchants, and Casino Magic

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Burn ban in county

BY RICHARD MEEK

A rash of recent fires in Hancock County has caused the Mississippi Forestry Commission to issue a burning ban, county fire marshal Richard Pate said.

Pate said the order prevents any burning in the county. Burning debris has also been temporarily halted in Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

Mark Jamieson of the Forestry Commission said 20 fires

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Hwy 603 to open in March

Highway 43 (known locally as Highway 603) in Hancock County, between Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10, is targeted to be opened to four-lane traffic around March 15, according to Robert L. Robinson, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT).

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A real sweetheart

Newborn Destiny Guidry prepares to go home in a valentine pouch designed by Hancock Medical Center Auxiliary volunteer Betty Kieley. The hospital volunteers also provide seasonal "going home" pouches for babies born during Christmas and Easter holidays. Destiny is the daughter of Christi Guidry of Waveland and Eric Thibault.

School board, Magic begin land negotiation

BY RICHARD MEEK

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District is exploring the possibility of purchasing a plot of land from Casino Magic with the purpose of building a new middle school, school board officials.

The Magic currently owns over 40 acres of land adjoining Bay High School. District officials said they would be interested in purchasing up to 15 acres to build a new middle school.

"The school district is interested in the property if it can be used for construction," board attorney Ronnie Artigues Jr. said. "We're not sure what, if any, of the land can be used."

Negotiations between the

casino and school district is the first step in a multi-faceted process that will eventually involve the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Previous surveys have revealed that 65 percent of the 40-plus acres is wetlands, meaning only a small portion of the land can actually be utilized.

Several months ago, the board contracted with architect Kevin Fitzpatrick to draw preliminary plans for a school, utilizing the uplands. At the board's January meeting, Fitzpatrick presented the drawings of a sprawling complex that did fit in the eligible land.

He then presented the plans

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Woman robbed at Casino Magic

BY ED LEPOMA

Three suspects are being held in the Hancock County jail, charged with knocking a woman down, and running off with her purse in the Casino

Magic parking lot.

According to Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil, the lone woman was about to enter

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OBITUARIES

LAURA V. G. BATTLE
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VIRGIE NELL RODDY

LAURA V. G. BATTLE
 Laura Virginia Groner Battle, 82, of Hammond, La., died Feb. 10, 1996, in Hammond.

Mrs. Battle was a native of Pass Christian for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Shelby and Laura Virginia Groner; her husband, Orrin M. Battle; a sister, Willie Lee Phillips; and two brothers, Edward and Frank S. Iggy Groner.

Survivors include three sons, Byron F. Battle of Newton, Mass., Orrin "Dutch" M. Battle Jr. of Hammond, La., and Pat M. Battle of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Pat N. Groner of Pensacola, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Monday at Trinity Episcopal Church. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery.

The family prefers donations to the Parkinson's Foundation. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

LACEY A. S. BUFF
 Lacey Ann Steinriede Buff, 38, of Ocean Springs, died Friday, Feb. 10, 1996, in Ocean Springs.

Sign language course

An eight-week introduction to American sign language is planned this spring at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The introductory level course is designed for anyone interested in communicating with the deaf.

The course will be taught Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. from March 5 through April 30. There will be no class March 12.

Cost is \$67. Books used in the course are an additional \$35. Mayla Comeaux, who has been interpreting for 14 years and has taught sign language for three years, will be the instructor.

For information or to register, contact USMGC's Division of Continuing Education at (601) 865-4508 or (601) 497-5135.

NARFE

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will celebrate its 75th anniversary Feb. 19.

The organization is service-oriented to retired federal employees.

NARFE has made considerable contributions to several charitable organizations. The most recent efforts have been sizeable contributions to the Alzheimers Foundation. NARFE is a non-profit organization, which has an impact on all retired persons.

Both the City of Waveland and the City of Bay St. Louis have recognized by proclamation the 75th anniversary of NARFE.

Love poems sought

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest, open to everyone in the Bay St. Louis area. There are over \$3,000 in prizes, and the deadline for entering is April 7.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Poetry Contest, 134 W 32nd Street, Suite 264, New York, NY 10001.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David A. Buff.

Survivors include a son, Jarrod Marcus Gay of Ocean Springs; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Steinriede; and a sister, Gretchen Steinriede Fortenberry, all of Pass Christian.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

JOSEPHINE CACIOPPO
 Mrs. Josephine Benigno Cacioppo, 95, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Cacioppo was a native of Corleone, Sicily and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Cacioppo; a son, Vito Cacioppo; four brothers, Anthony Benigno, Norman Benigno, Sylvester Benigno and John Benigno.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Annie Cacioppo Tombrello, Mrs. Martha Cacioppo Wellborn and Mrs. Lena Cacioppo Brozski, all of Birmingham, Ala.; one stepson, Tommy Cacioppo of Birmingham; two brothers, Sam Benigno and Luke Benigno, both of Bay St. Louis.

Mass was celebrated Tuesday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

IRENE H. CUNNINGHAM
 Mrs. Irene Helen Cunningham, 79, of Long Beach, died Friday, Feb. 9, 1996, in Long Beach.

Mrs. Cunningham was a native of Wisconsin, and a native of the Coast for more than 50 years. She was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Gulfport. She had been a member of the Lorraine Garden Club and attended Wheaton College in Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur A. Cunningham Sr.; and 11 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include three sons, Arthur A. "Butch" Cunningham Jr. of Mount Olive, Thomas Earl Cunningham and Robert Scott "Bob" Cunningham, both of Long Beach; four daughters, Bonnie Jean Toop of Jackson, Susan Marie Gates of Gulfport, Carol Ann Davis of Clermont Harbor and Dale Lois Ulmer of Long Beach; a brother, Gordon V. Hestekind of Black River Falls, Wis.; 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Services were conducted Monday at the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

JOHN A. ERWIN
 John Alton Erwin, 78, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1996, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete.

Correction

The Hancock County Planning Commission would be the agency in charge of enforcing a comprehensive zoning ordinance, if one is adopted for the county.

In a story Feb. 8 on the zoning ordinance, the Echo stated the Gulf Regional Planning Commission would enforce the regulations.

Not so, said Jeff Loftus, with the GRPC.

Loftus said the county could hire or appoint a zoning officer to handle day-to-day business and to forward to the planning commission applications for variances and amendments to the ordinance. Actual decisions would be made by the county planning commission, with concurrence by the Board of Supervisors. Appeals to decisions could still be made directly to Circuit Court, Loftus said.

plete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

OLGA F. KNEELAND
 Olga Frances Kneeland, 77, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 1996, in Chalmette.

Mrs. Kneeland was formerly a resident of Wichita, Kan. and resided in Madeville, La. for the pasts four years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Gordon Kneeland; her sister Elizabeth Volf; and a brother, August Vodehnal.

Survivors include sons Lance Kneeland of Covington, La. and Barry Kneeland of Sulshear, Texas; sisters and brothers, Martha Lowell and Stacia Clark of California, Lorraine Levitt, Paul Vodehnal, Lloyd Vodehnal and Martin Vodehnal, all of Nebraska, Valasta White of Connecticut and Otto Vodehnal of Iowa; and three granddaughters.

A private memorial service was conducted at St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Mandeville.

The family prefers donations to one's local Hospice Chapter.

NORA D. ROBERTSON
 Mrs. Nora Daniels Robertson, 81, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Feb. 12, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Robertson was a native of Stone County and retired department manager of Sears, Roebuck & Co. of Gulfport. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Long Beach, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the AARP, a former Garden Club member of Harrison County, the Home-maker Club and a lifemember of the Mississippi Wildlife Federation.

Survivors include her husband, W. Vernon Robertson of Pass Christian; two sons, Bert Robertson of Atlanta and Richard Robertson of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, James Daniels of Wiggins; a sister, Marjorie Turner of Gulfport; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Ave., Gulfport. Services will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. today at the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in Memorial Park in Biloxi.

The family prefers memorials to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation for the Norvell Robertson Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530.

VIRGIE NELL RODDY
 Mrs. Virgie Nell Vidal Roddy, 72, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 1996, in Wiggins.

Mrs. Roddy was a native of Houma, La., and a member of the Church of God.

She was preceded in death by

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by Allen J. Koskan, M.D.
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her husband, Charles Roddy; a son, Kelly Roy Scott; a daughter, Nellie Mae Quick; and her parents, John Paul and Marie Louise Bergeron Vidal.

Survivors include three sons, William Quick of Houma, Julius Scott of Loranger, La., and Larry Scott of Natalbany, La.; four daughters, Lovedee Adams of Houma, Bernadette Arceneaux and Diana Parker, both of Bay St. Louis, and Carolyn Scott of Tickfaw, La.; three sisters, Vanny Tabor of Montegut, La., Agnes Mae Cantelle of Belle Chase, La., and Valerie Wells of Tickfaw; 27 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at McKneely Funeral Home in Hammond, La. Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in Colonial Cemetery in Independence, La.

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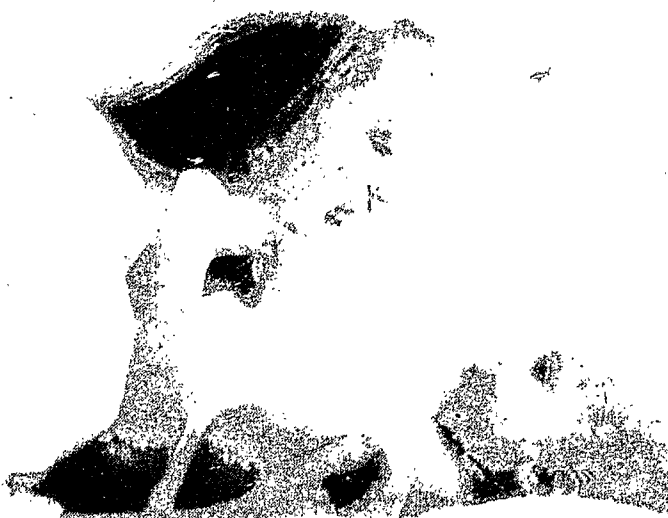
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Bay plan changes to be debated

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Some significant changes to a pending comprehensive plan for Bay St. Louis are up for debate Feb. 26.

City Council set a 7 p.m. workshop to consider a proposal from the administration that revamps an already-revised proposed plan.

Aside from details of the latest proposal, unresolved issues include whether the Planning and Zoning Commission has any role left in the adoption process. A watch-dog group of local citizens says P&Z is still in the picture. City officials say it isn't necessary to run the new ideas through P&Z because, legally, the commission has fulfilled its duties in making a recommendation to council.

Another question concerns whether the final plan will embrace a voluminous set of printed public comments amassed during the planning process. The citizens group, Bay St. Louis Community Association, says it should be part of the official plan. The mayor and city attorney recommend that the plan stand on its own, without official inclusion of the public's comments.

The city hired consultants two years ago to draft a comprehensive plan for development covering the next two

decades. After a series of workshops, public hearings and numerous meetings, a draft plan emerged.

But parts of it were so controversial, council found itself embroiled in an apparent endless debate over minor details and a few major points—such as the boundary for the proposed "resort district," and the provision of a proposed high tech industrial campus.

Squabbling over the details came when council considered the proposed future land use map, which outlined proposed areas for residential, commercial and industrial uses.

City administrative officials, hoping to dilute some controversy and get the adoption process back on track, had the land use map redrawn, generalizing the land use proposal.

The administration also proposed some revisions to the text of the plan. The map revamp and text rewrite are on council's workshop table for discussion.

Key changes up for consideration:

—Designation of the entire stretch of Main Street, between Highway 90 and Beach Boulevard, as a "community commercial" area. That should help foster the same kind of development already in place on the

street, says Les Fillingame, city planner.

City officials want to encourage small-scale business activity along the street, with owner-occupied residences doubling as businesses locales, he said. Unlike most commercial areas that are locked up at 5 p.m., the residence-businesses would be home to their owners, keeping life in the city after hours.

—Creation of a golf course/resort residential district. City officials say the planning process has taken so long that Casino Magic's golf course came off the drawing boards into the construction phase while the plan was still being drafted.

The new map sets a massive area aside for the golf/residential district, proposing residential housing types that complement a golf course, including patio homes, planned unit developments, condominiums.

—Generalization of residential housing classifications. The consultants' plan had three categories for residential development: single family, two-family, and multi-family. The administration's map has but two: low density and medium-high density.

The low density areas would be set aside for single family residential development, while

the rest of the city's residential area would be designated for medium-high density development.

Development in the medium-high area could range from single family units to multi-family, not exceeding eight dwelling units per structure, and related recreational religious and educational facilities also could be built.

The consultants said there is no place in the existing city limits appropriate to develop high density apartment complexes and manufactured home parks.

But the administration's proposal suggests that there could be—possibly on Blue Meadow Road, south of Casino Magic Drive, and the area around the proposed Kellar/Labat Street, between Highway 90 and the Old Spanish Trail.

Once City Council adopts a comprehensive development plan and a future land use map, officials will use the documents as the basis of future zoning decisions.

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Residents invited to discuss garbage problems with board

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County residents having problems with their garbage collection and billing are invited before the Board of Supervisors this afternoon.

Supervisors have scheduled a 3:30 p.m. workshop at the Courthouse on Main Street to hear complaints.

The meeting was scheduled after Martin DeSalvo came to supervisors' meeting a second time to complain about how Joey Boudin's Waste and Recycling Co., is carrying out the contract to pick up solid waste in rural areas of the county.

DeSalvo has been among Shorelink Park residents, who

charge garbage isn't being picked up on a timely basis, some residences are being skipped, and dead people are getting billed.

He has made his allegations to the previous Board of Supervisors, but contends they were ignored. In January he repeated the same charges to new supervisors, and in February's meeting, DeSalvo charged the Solid Waste District gave Boudin a new four-year without investigating his complaints.

DeSalvo was among residents who have also complained that Boudin plans to move his trash-hauling business to a 10-acre site he owns off Harbor

Drive in the Bayou Phillips Community. Supervisors have told him because the county has no ordinance, they can't stop Boudin from building there.

The three-member Solid Waste District, before voting unanimously to extend Boudin's contract to pick up household garbage in the county and in the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, said there were relatively few complaints about Boudin's service.

Commissioners also said that Boudin is providing the service for an amount far less than what others had bid when the District called for public bids.

The Democratic Party of Hancock County hereby officially announces the 1996 Mississippi delegate selection plan for the Democratic National Convention. All Democrats interested in participating in this process (or becoming a member of the Democratic Executive Committee) should attend their precinct caucus to be held at the Hancock County Courthouse the morning of Saturday, February 17.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Feb. 17	Precinct Caucuses	9:00AM
Mar. 2	County Convention	10:00AM
Mar. 12	"Super Tuesday" Presidential Primary	
Mar. 23	Congressional District Convention	
May 18	State Convention	
Aug.	Democratic National Convention	

Any questions should be directed to
Charles Burt, Comm. Chair at 466-0064.

Jubilation pays 1994 taxes

BY ED LEPOMA

Alpha Gulf Co., which operates the Jubilation casino at Bayou Caddy, has paid the balance of its 1994 property taxes, according to County Assessor Eddie Murtagh.

Murtagh told the Board of Supervisors Monday that his office has received a check for \$238,328, representing the balance Alpha owed for 1994.

Previously, Alpha Gulf Coast paid the county a total \$100,000, and it had until Feb. 1, 1996 to pay the balance.

Murtagh recommended that Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar cancel the surety bond that had been posted for the 1994 taxes, and he said the state and his office would release a portion of the lien it held on some of Alpha's real property.

Murtagh also reported his office "had a tremendous January," collecting over \$5 million in taxes assessed on property in the county.

Under an agreement hammered out in lengthy negotiations, supervisors and the assessor required the Jubilation's parent firm, the Alpha Hospitality Corp., to post surety bonds guaranteeing payment of outstanding 1994 and 1995 taxes before its Jubilee barge left its Lakeshore berth last October.

Still outstanding is another \$212,000, which Alpha has been assessed for 1995 taxes, and a surety bond of equal value is being held by the county until that payment is made.

Murtagh said the 1995 taxes were due Feb. 1, 1996, and Alpha is being charged "about \$3,000 a month interest" on the unpaid balance.

He recommended, "we be as lenient as we can be" because he said Alpha has intentions of paying its outstanding taxes in full.

The larger Jubilee casino barge began operating out of Alpha's dockside berth in Greenville, Mississippi last November. On Dec. 21, a smaller ship, renamed the Jubilation, began operating at Bayou Caddy.

Court shortage plaguing judges

BY ED LEPOMA

Chancery Court Clerk Tim Kellar said he is trying to get a handle on the shortage of courtroom space in the Hancock County Courthouse.

Kellar was reacting to events that caused Chancery Court Judge J.N. Randall to cancel his docket last Thursday. The Circuit Court and the Chancery Court had set a "vacation day" outside of their regular court dates to catch up on a backlog of cases.

But, Circuit Court was in session when Randall arrived, so he canceled his court session, although he could have convened in the Board of Supervisors meeting room upstairs next to the courtroom.

There are four judges each serving the chancery and circuit

courts. Kellar said he can't force judges to hold session in the supervisors' chambers when the courtroom is being used, but the option is available.

Kellar said he has instructed administrators of both the Circuit and Chancery Courts "to try and coordinate the use of the one courtroom."

"A simple courtesy phone call between the two clerks might have prevented the mixup," Kellar said. He has asked administrators to try and schedule court use "a couple of weeks in advance."

Kellar said coordinating court trials would also help to relieve the parking congestion around the county courthouse.

"It's not a problem that's going to be solved overnight, but we're working on it," said Kellar.

WRANPS to conduct two special classes

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

The Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society, Inc., (WRANPS), will hold two special classes at the Department of Marine Resources, Gateway Drive, Gulfport.

The first class will be Monday, Feb. 26, 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the care of baby birds.

The second class will be Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m. on care of baby mammals.

Admission fee is \$5 per session to cover cost of printed information to be provided to participants.

WRANPS is located in Pass

Christian and is a non-profit organization which cares for injured and orphaned wild animals.

Janice Green, spokesman said, "We are always seeking new volunteers to help with the program. If you are interested in further information, call WRANPS at 601-452-WILD."

In upcoming events, WRANPS plans on holding another open house during the Spring season.

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"CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Mardi Gras continues in Hancock County with the annual Diamondhead Land and Boat festivities set for Saturday.

Royalty for the Land Parade this year is King Berlon Dennis and Queen Alice Burkhardt.

The parade begins at noon with Benny Mistretta as krewe captain and Chris Arnos parade lieutenant.

Diamondhead's parade continues to grow in size each year and is really a spectator parade because of the route's wide manicured road shoulders.

Ronnie Kole, New Orleans pianist, is the parade's marshal.

The parade will travel down Gex Drive, Aloha Drive West towards the commercial area and continues on the country road to the country club site.

Diamondhead's Property Owners Association is to have a large tent to house the traditional "after-parade party."

"Legends Of Old" is the theme of the Diamondhead Land Parade this year.

On Saturday, the Diamondhead Boaters Mardi Gras party will take place at the Community Center from 2 to 5 p.m.

Royalty for the Boater festivities is King Jesse B. Morgan and Queen Mrs. Robert (Kathy) Wood.

Sounds like Saturday will be a full day of Marci Gras activities at Diamondhead.

I hope to see you at Diamondhead.

While on the subject of parades, the annual St. Paul Mardi Gras activities will be Sunday, including the big parade.

On Tuesday, Mardi Gras Day, the Krewe of Real People are scheduled to roll through the streets of Bay St. Louis.

We will give you more on those two parades on Sunday.

It was good to see so many from our county attend Monday's Gulf Coast Delegation Legislative Reception in Jackson.

The reception was attended by a large number of legislators from across the state.

The big event was a cooperative effort between economic development entities, chambers of commerce and private businesses across the three coastal counties.

The coastal legislators served as host for the evening. Some 40-plus restaurants provided delightful specialties popular across the Coast.

Students from the University of Southern Mississippi's hotel, motel and restaurant courses served the food. They also were assisted by a group of the Harrison County Justice Food Service Division representatives, who prepared several items.

I am already looking forward to next year's big event.



Legislative reception

A Mississippi Gulf Coast 1996 Legislative Reception was held Monday at the Ramada Inn Coliseum in Jackson. Among those attending were, from left, Ron Barnes, Coast Electric marketing manager and member services; Bob Occhi, Coast Electric manager; and David Mauffray, Mississippi Power Company economic development representative. The reception was a cooperative effort between economic development entities, chambers of commerce and private businesses across the three coastal counties. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Secretary of State endorses Senate Motor Voter Bill

Secretary of State Eric Clark has endorsed Senate Bill 2384 "The Motor Voter Act," which passed the Senate.

"I applaud the Mississippi Senate for the stand they took against tax waste, voter fraud and confusion at the polling place," Clark said. "Mississippi is moving toward joining the vast majority of other states who have conformed their state voter registration systems with the federal Motor Voter law."

The Senate measure was approved 32-14 after a two-hour floor debate. The bill goes next to the House Committee on Elections and Apportionment for consideration.

"Currently, voters who complete 'motor voter' registration applications at drivers license examining stations and other approved agencies can only vote in federal elections. If Senate Bill 2384 becomes law, these voters can vote in all elections — federal, state, county and municipal," Clark said.

"Our Circuit Clerks now have to maintain two separate voter registration rolls — one for state elections and one for federal elections. In addition to the obvious expense of printing and keeping duplicate registration and poll books, counties are

required to purge the books of 'deadwood' two separate ways — once under the state purging rules and again under the federal purging rules," Clark said.

"If this bill doesn't become law, counties will have to print two ballots this November — one for state elections and one for federal elections," Clark said. "That translates into tax money — money that's needed desperately in other areas of county service."

"Much voter fraud begins with inflated voter rolls. When the names of dead or moved voters stay on the pollbooks, it is an open invitation to individuals' fraudulently voting in those people's names," Clark said. "SB 2384 greatly strengthens the voter roll purging procedures in Mississippi by requiring an active, statewide voter roll maintenance system utilizing the Post Service's National Change of Address system."

"Currently, pollworkers will have to look at as many as four different sets of pollbooks when determining who can vote at a polling place — a state list, a federal list, a state 'inactive' list and a federal 'inactive' list," Clark said. "As law, this bill will cut that confusion in half."

ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray
CVSO

State agency assists in purchasing, building homes

By Donald Mauffray, CVSO

The following article was submitted by me and appeared in this column almost four years ago. However, it is amazing how many veterans come in my office to apply for certificates of eligibility from the VA without being aware that they can apply at the same time for a direct loan from a unique agency of our state government — the Mississippi Veterans Home Purchase Board.

Through this agency, eligible Mississippi veterans may receive assistance in purchasing a home. The agency tries to make loans at least two points under other rates, up to a maximum of \$70,000. The board's current rate is 5 1/2 percent. In addition, the agency does not charge any origination fee or discount points as most mortgage companies do.

The Mississippi Veterans Home Purchase Board was organized by the Mississippi Legislature in 1946. It was formed for the purpose of providing benefits to the state's veterans. It operates from a revolving fund. As payments come in from veterans on principal and interest, these funds are in turn loaned out to other veterans.

Mississippi's program of loaning money directly to veterans is unique among the states. Some states offered one-time bonuses to their veterans, but those benefits were only temporary. The Legislature did a real favor for this state's veterans.

The program has proven itself for 50 years and is still benefitting the veterans it was

designed to help. It assists veterans and unmarried surviving spouses of Mississippi in purchasing or building personal, single-family, permanent houses. The limited revolving funds it provides may require a waiting period. However, that period is usually brief. Some other provisions of the MVHPB are:

— It does not refinance the veteran's equity or permanent loans. Instead, the state purchases the house by taking title to the property at closing and immediately conveys it back to the veteran, secured by a first deed of trust.

— The terms of financing include a maximum limit of \$70,000 in all circumstances. The current interest rate of 5 1/2 percent applies to a loan of 15-year duration. For a 25-year loan, the interest rate is 5 1/2 percent with 300 monthly installments.

— Hazard and fire insurance is required and must be paid in advance prior to closing the loan. It must be paid to the board in installments for annual renewals thereafter.

— Taxes are escrowed monthly and paid annually by the board.

— To be eligible, a veteran must obtain a certificate of eligibility for Home Loan Guaranty from the VA, regardless of how much entitlement remains.

The veteran must also have been discharged from extended active duty under honorable conditions, with reserve and National Guard active duty not included. Form DD214 or other

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EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor

Chicken processors, growers in legislative showdown

What might be called the War of the Chicken-Pluckers, or more precisely, the Revolt of the Chicken Growers, is about to break out in the Legislature.

Almost inevitably, the long-simmering conflict between the chicken growers, the farmers who raise the chickens for Mississippi's huge \$6.6 billion broiler industry, and the processors, who own, slaughter and market the chickens, had to wind up in a legislative showdown.

Now it's going to be played out in the Mississippi House, where the Mississippi Poultry Producers Protection Act by Rep. Bennett Malone (D-Carhage) hits the floor.

For years, the chicken farmers have been wanting more "freedom" from what they consider the oppressive mandates of the big broiler industry processors (known in the trade as integrators) to whom the growers are beholden.

The broiler industry is a rather unique business in which the farmer — the grower — is assigned a flock of baby chicks from the processor, and is also provided the feed and medicines to raise the birds for slaughter in about six weeks. The grower is paid by the weight of the flock he delivers to the processor.

In return, the farmer provides the brood houses, the utilities and water and labor to tend the flock consigned to him. He is given a contract on each batch of chickens by the processor to raise and deliver all the chickens he tends.

Should a disaster occur (such as an ice storm or an intense heat wave), and chickens have to be destroyed, the processor loses his investment in that brood of chickens, but the farmer who has the capital investment in the facility loses the income he would have received.

What Malone and a number of growers contend is that the system, as it has operated, is heavily weighted in favor of the processors and is unfair to the farmer. His bill is intended to give the farmer a more level playing field, in their view.

"They (the farmers) are at the mercy of the integrators (processors)," Malone declared, in such important ways as having no control over the condition of chicks they get from the processor, or over the amount and type of feed. One big gripe of the farmers is that now they don't have any way to verify the weight of the birds when they deliver them to the processor, on which the farmer is compensated.

What farmers don't like, says Malone, is the threat of being dropped by a processor for future consignments of chickens if the farmer doesn't satisfy

the processor by replacing or installing certain equipment. His bill would protect the farmer from having to do that is he has complied with federal safety guidelines.

The big operators of Mississippi's broiler industry, as could be expected, are mounting some heavy lobbying firepower to defeat the Malone bill. The industry has already killed a like measure in the Senate Agriculture Committee. Malone's bill, however, was approved and sent to the floor by the House Agriculture Committee.

Mike McAlpin, executive director of the Mississippi Poultry Association, says his group sees Malone's bill as destructive to the ability of the industry in Mississippi to continue to compete, at a time when the state has been outpacing other states.

"This will make us the only state where the state is a third party intervenor in any poultry contract," McAlpin declared. "This would obviate the contract between the processors and the grower."

He contended that "nobody is putting a gun to anybody's head," as some growers have complained. To the contrary, McAlpin said, "It is never in our best interest to be punitive. Their (growers) success equates with our success."

The poultry industry spokesman challenged the implications of Malone's bill which says that processors shall not use "coercion, threat of retaliation... or threat of contract termination" to require the farmer to make capital improvements on his facility. A 1994 study shows, McAlpin said, that "less than one-half of one percent" of all growers were cut off in the previous five-year period.

He insisted that this industry people have been abiding by a 17-point agreement worked out between growers and processors by the Agribusiness Council, a quasi-government body set up two years ago by the Legislature.

However, Malone contends that is not his information. "Some of the big producers have not lived up to the agreement," Malone said, adding that it is impossible for the Agribusiness Council, which deals with all phases of agriculture, to cover the entire state.

"They (the processors) are out misrepresenting the bill and scaring the little growers that they will shut down the industry if the bill passes," Malone declared.

The floor battle on the Malone bill likely will come in the House by week's end.

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

By Representative
Dirk Dedeaux

Tightening loopholes in the law

By Dirk Dedeaux,
State Representative
District 93
Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River
and Stone Counties

The 1996 Legislative Session is determined to close loopholes in the law which allows criminals to slip through.

In present law, if your car is stolen, you must prove to the court that the thief intended to permanently deprive you of your automobile. Someone could steal your car, use it to commit a crime, abandon it, and not be prosecuted for grand larceny.

A new bill passed by the House of Representatives will close this loophole.

Also this week, the House

passed a bill to close a loophole that gives law enforcement officials more power to prosecute drunk drivers, especially minors.

This law will make our streets safer because it closes a loophole which has allowed many drunk drivers to escape prosecution.

Also under present law, if a criminal is not prosecuted within 270 days he can get off without being convicted. Last week the House passed a bill that would stop criminals from going released for this reason.

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Chicken dispute headed to court

BY RICHARD MEEK

A festering chicken controversy in Waveland may be headed to court for final resolution. But at least one Waveland alderman apparently considers the escalating dispute between two property owners in his ward a source of humor.

Ed O'Halloran, who owns a summer residence on Terrace Lane in Waveland and is a neighbor of alderman Jay Fleuret, has complained to city officials for over 18 months about loose chickens creating havoc on his property, and violating the city's noise ordinance.

Last summer, O'Halloran appeared before the Board of Aldermen to ask that animal control officers be allowed to relocate the chickens. Alderman Al Kingston said at the time that he would like to see the chickens relocated to a vacant area in his ward.

However, nothing was done, and O'Halloran was back before the board last week complaining about the lack of action.

"My complaints are that the chickens are noisy and are all over my property," said O'Halloran, a New Orleans resident.

However, the issue became more complicated when Waveland resident David Skermetta, whose property on Hillcrest Street butts O'Halloran's, claimed the chickens are his pets. Mayor John Mason said Skermetta made the admission to an animal control officer and an official of the animal shelter.

According to city attorney Ronnie Artigues Jr., since the chickens are apparently pets and not loose animals, O'Halloran must file a written complaint at City Hall (which he has already done).

The next step, according to Artigues, is that officials from the city and the health department will investigate the matter. Eventually, if it remains unresolved, the matter may be settled in court.

Meanwhile, a frustrated O'Halloran has put his house up for sale.

"I'm stunned that I have to start all over again," he said following the meeting. "This whole process will take a long time."

maybe more than 60 days."

O'Halloran said he also fears retaliation.

"I worry about my house and my dogs," he said, noting that two fence posts on his property were recently vandalized.

However, he said his biggest gripe was with Fleuret, who according to O'Halloran, "did nothing," although O'Halloran said the alderman had assured him the matter would be resolved.

"I wish (Fleuret) had done more for the community than getting his picture taken at ribbon-cuttings," O'Halloran said. "I'm frustrated because my alderman did nothing and he could have resolved this."

O'Halloran claims that it was not until he had a private meeting two weeks ago with Mason that progress was made.

"(Mason) was very understanding," O'Halloran said. "He's been very helpful. The other aldermen have also been helpful."

When contacted, Fleuret disagreed, saying he did "all I could."

"This is nothing to cluck about," he added. "I offered to put a sign (in O'Halloran's yard) that said 'Trespassers will be eaten.'"

"The chickens are in my yard now."

Fleuret said a petition had been circulated and signed by neighbors saying they wanted the chickens to remain in the neighborhood. However, O'Halloran pointed out the signatures on the petition were from citizens living several blocks, or even further, away.

Artigues said if the chickens were loose, as originally thought, then animal control officers would be able to pick them up. But since Skermetta is claiming ownership, the proper procedure must be followed.

"I don't think it's fair that a taxpayer has to do all of this to get something done that should have been done," O'Halloran said. "I left it in (Fleuret's) hands to contact certain people about removing the chickens. Nothing was done."

"The peacefulness I had (from having a weekend residence in Waveland) is gone."

Trolley

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officials, also are urging retention of transit service.

Last week, City Council all but ended local trolley service, based on declining ridership figures. The council authorized Mayor Eddie Favre to negotiate last-minute arrangements for a greatly-reduced transit service which won't involve a trolley run.

Unless an alternative suitable to council materializes, CTA will stop services local March 31.

CTA's executive director, Ted Hearn, urged council to retain a "remnant" of service, even at a much reduced level than the six-day-per-week trolley run now in place.

That would make it easier to resume a trolley run in Bay St. Louis later, he said, rather than gearing up to "start from scratch" in the future if officials see a need.

The city agreed to pay \$37,541 to CTA in November 1992, as a 20 percent share of the \$187,707 trolley. That city help enabled the authority to get a federal grant for the balance of the purchase.

But Municipal Clerk Kay Johnson says the city contribution toward the purchase of the trolley doesn't leave the city with a share of ownership. The trolley belongs to the grant recipient, CTA, Johnson said.

Still, she said, the city has assurances from Hearn that CTA would consider resuming trolley service locally in the future, if asked, considering the city's involvement in its purchase.

"In my opinion, it's just imperative that we retain something," Travers said Tuesday, agreeing that ridership on the trolley hasn't been sufficient to justify a continued run here at this time.

CTA officials are studying the economics -- and logistics -- of replacing the trolley with a 20-passenger bus which costs about half as much to operate per hour as the trolley.

The bus service, he said, could be tailored to the specific wishes of council, as long as a proposal is fiscally responsible. "We'll design a system that will work," said Travers, but he added that the CTA board is comprised of business people who are "very much aware" of economic feasibility concerns.

Travers said the trolley flop in Bay St. Louis is due to several factors: a relatively sparse population, compared with Gulfport and Biloxi, and the fondness of local residents to drive personal automobiles.

Also, CTA has only limited funds to market the advantages of mass transit, or to promote the details of where and when the transit vehicle is available, he said.

"The trolley is too expensive to operate in Bay St. Louis, as much as we would like to. It's just not practical," said Travers. At \$20 per hour operational costs, a small bus is much more

feasible to operate in Bay St. Louis, he said. A trolley carries more than \$40 per hour in operational costs.

In addition to studying alternative proposals for service in Bay St. Louis, CTA officials are grappling with the logistical "nightmare" that this city's exit from the system would cause.

West-bound service from the L&N station in Gulfport now is timed to include the hour-long run in Bay St. Louis. Trolleys arriving in Pass Christian, therefore, would complete their run and have an hour's gap to deal with, unless scheduling is changed for the entire system, said Travers.

Hearn proposed a \$12,000 plan to provide a small bus route within the city, three days weekly, for six months. That works out to \$2,000 per month, on a trolley-less run, compared to \$3,500 monthly the city is paying for trolley service.

Hearn said he's already devised a marketing plan to boost local usage of transit service, if the city sticks with CTA under the reduced service plan.

Burn

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were reported between Sunday and Wednesday. Of those, eight were caused by citizens burning debris, the other 12 were arson woods fires, according to Jamieson.

"It's really getting out of hand," Pate said. "Just one spark can get away from you. To burn with the wind blowing is dangerous. It's very dry and real dangerous."

Pate said that although the ground may appear wet, the grass is dry. He said the recent hard freeze killed most of the grass, leaving it "dead and dry."

Pate the problem is not confined to the county, but rather has affected the entire coast. A burning ban is already in effect in Jackson County, and one is expected to be ordered soon in Harrison County.

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County recycling gaining interest

BY ED LEPOMA

Just as Bay St. Louis may have to abandon curbside recycling, the Solid Waste District has learned that there is widespread interest in beginning a countywide program.

Larry Kehrer, director of Gulf Coast Recycling, came before the District's Feb. 7 meeting to tell them what's happening in Bay St. Louis, and to find out if there were any solid plans in the near future to initiate a program in Hancock County.

Kehrer took over the helm of GCR in July of 1994, but said the recycling operation operated by the non-profit, religious organization, Laos, Inc., is in financial trouble, and will get out of the business March 1.

He said plummeting prices from paper recycling caused GCR's problems, but the Bay St. Louis program showed progress because citizens are participating.

Kehrer said if he can retain the Bay St. Louis base, he would like to begin a countywide recycling program, and headquarter it at warehouse space he would rent at Stennis Airport.

District Chairman Les Fillingame said the Solid Waste District had not made any immediate plans to begin recycling, although federal and state mandates call for a 25 percent reduction in the county's waste stream.

"We'll put in back on the front burner," Fillingame promised.

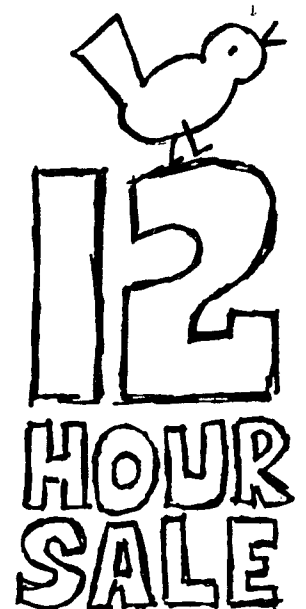
Such a contract would have to go out for public bid, and David Briggs, Mississippi Gulf Coast district manager for Browning Ferris Waste Industries, was at the meeting to say BFI "would love to be part of a recycling program in Hancock County."

Briggs said BFI is the "world's largest recycling company" and currently handles programs for all cities in Harrison County, and for Ocean Springs in Jackson County.

Briggs said the start up cost for a recycling plant is "quite

expensive," but BFI "already operates a full-blown recycling center on Cedar Lake Road off I-10 at BFI's Gulf Pines Landfill."

BFI's Marketing Manager, Jo Tibbler Williamson, told the District that BFI operates an education program to take recycling programs into the schools and communities.



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Land

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to Brown and Mitchell Engineers in Gulfport, who made some minor plans and then suggested the drawing be submitted to the Corps of Engineers for final approval.

However, before the Corps will evaluate any plans, a letter of intent from the district to the Magic to buy the land must be presented to the Corps. However, the parties do not have to settle on a purchase price.

"(Magic officials) said they will be willing to work with us in any way they could," Artigues said.

He added a purchase price has not been discussed. The Magic originally paid \$500,000 for the entire tract.

Board officials did not comment on what they would be willing to pay for the property. Magic officials could not be reached for comment.

Veterans

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discharge papers must be presented. A veteran must also have been a Mississippi resident prior to entering service, or for two consecutive years preceding application.

Property purchased or built must be a single home to be eligible. Farms, land only, mobile homes and condominiums do not qualify.

Townhouses with fee simple to the lot, and modular homes with permanent foundations meeting VA and Veterans Home Purchase Board standards and specifications, may qualify. As stated, purchase may apply to an existing home or one to be built.

Applications are processed in the order received. When a veteran contracts the agency, he or she is sent a pre-application form to be placed on the waiting list.

Processing of an application consists of a thorough analysis of a veteran's eligibility, credit, employment stability, adequate income for repayment, financial worth, and approval of the house (property) through appraisal and inspection.

Local veterans who are inter-

ested can come to the county veterans service office on Main Street in Bay St. Louis. I will help you fill out a pre-application form. Or you may call my office at 467-2100 for an appointment. Remember, you will need your DD214 or other discharge papers to accompany your application.

Speaking of discharge papers. Many veterans who come in my office to apply for various VA benefits must first apply for a copy of their discharge papers, or DD214's, from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo. It takes from 5 to 6 weeks, and usually much more, to receive the copy.

This wait could be avoided if all veterans would take their discharges to our chancery clerk's office for recording.

It doesn't cost anything to get them recorded; and, if in the future you need a copy for VA benefits, again there is no charge. One never knows when his/her original discharge will be lost or destroyed by fire, hurricane, floods, misplaced in moving, or in some instances, stolen along with other valuable papers.

Bay St. Louis gathers stories, creates murals

A "Gathering of Stories" about life in Bay St. Louis and the surrounding communities is now being organized. These are stories that have been told by parents and grandparents, by friends and acquaintances.

This process is part of the "Artists Build Community," a planning grant of The Library Foundation of Hancock County and funded by the Mississippi Arts Commission. The Foundation has received \$5,000 in the planning stage for "A Gathering of Stories."

Last year the Bay St. Louis Development Foundation initiated the Old Town mural project as a joint venture between the local artists and businesses and the Development Foundation. From this embryo, "A Gathering of Stories" evolved into its present form.

Stories to be compiled are from the present, back through time, following the oral tradition of families, tribes and clans, Indians, the French, settlers, visitors and old and new families will have the opportunity to describe what they have seen or heard about the life and times of our area.

The goal of the process is to reach out to a diverse representation of people, establishing a true picture of how life has and is evolving in the Bay St. Louis area.

Once the planning stage is completed, The Library Foundation can then apply for a second grant — the Artist in Residence Grant — which provides an additional \$20,000 to enable an in-depth collection of stories and will partially fund workshops in schools to teach children

how to interview their own people. It will also allow for the creation of the long-awaited murals planned for Old Town. These murals will depict life here as described in the collected stories.

Two consultants who are experts in involving the community in artistic endeavors have been contracted to begin the process. Both have worked extensively in their fields, and have received and overseen many grants.

Chris Vinsonhaler, a professional storyteller and performer from Ocean Springs, will organize the collection of the stories, present workshops and interviewing people to record their stories, and finally, will bring together a storytelling festival to present the stories back to the community.

Kathie de Nobriga, from Atlanta Ga., is an expert in motivating community involvement, and will ensure a rich experience for everyone. She will also oversee the creation of the murals.

Dixie Boyd, Bay St. Louis artist, is the project director for both the planning and residency phases of the grants. She brings to the project an expertise in building and directing volunteer services and fundraising activities, and in facilitating community interaction and understanding.

Local artist Elizabeth Veglia has been the guiding force behind the activities and wrote the grant for the Library Foundation.

For further information on the project, Boyd can be reached at 467-2764.

USM unveils program for adults who want to return to college

Mississippi Gulf Coast residents longing to complete their college degrees will have an opportunity to "test-drive" a course without charge, when summer classes begin June 8.

University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast officials hope the novel "Test Drive A Degree" program will help jump-start the classroom careers of thousands of coastal residents who have put aside, but not abandoned, dreams of earning that college diploma.

An estimated 56,000 adult

residents of the Gulf Coast area including 16,000 who hold an associate two-year degree and another 40,000 who have some college credit but no degree — may qualify for the program, according to USMGC officials.

"With college work to their credit, we feel that many of these 60,000 people have an interest in returning to college, but just haven't found the time or motivation to give it a try," said Dr. James O. Williams, dean of USMGC.

"We hope this program will

help provide incentive for their return by allowing them to get the feel of college life again — at no cost to those who qualify."

Williams said the unique program targets individuals who have earned associate degrees from a community college or have a minimum of 54 college credit-hours, with an average grade of C, but who have not been enrolled in a college course for the past three years.

"They can come in and see

what USM Gulf Coast has to offer and look over the course offerings, then try one out," said Williams.

Adults taking the test drive must comply with standard admission guidelines, register, attend class and complete course requirements just like any other student, he emphasized, noting grade reports would be issued and credit earned would become a part of the student's permanent record at USM.

"We don't want people who are resting the water about getting back into college to get in over their head — and so we are prepared to offer guidance in course selection," added Williams, noting the university reserved the right to designate the test-drive courses available for scheduling.

To support test drivers in getting reacquainted with college life, Williams said the university would conduct special sessions dealing with potential areas of concern to returning adult students. Topics could include time management, study skills, career planning, financial assistance, etc.

"We hope all who accept our test-drive offer will get excited about college and enroll in one of our degree-completion programs," said Williams, pointing out the special program would be available only at USMGC's Gulf Park campus in Long Beach and the Jackson County campus in Gautier. It will not be available at the Keesler Air Force Base center in Biloxi, Stennis Space Center, or at the Hattiesburg campus.

For complete and official information and guidelines, call toll-free in Harrison County, 863-6691 and from Hancock and Jackson counties call 1-800-488-0742.

Attention parents:

Is your child's best friend named RCA?

Are you concerned your child is watching too much television? Ann Jarratt, a 4-H youth development specialist at Mississippi State, has some tips on how to put the remote back in your hands.

"Excessive TV viewing can hinder the development of a child, so the key is to offer interesting and wholesome alternatives to television," Jarratt said.

She advises parents to assign responsibilities to children to fill their spare time. She also says the responsibilities should be important and not just busy work.

To provide other non-television options, parents should involve their children in family activities such as cards,



board games or picnics, she says. "Teenagers, especially, should be allowed to give input on family activities," she added.

Jarratt also encourages parents to allow their children to participate in local sports and youth programs. Most counties have football, basketball, baseball and soccer programs and children can begin around age 5. Children also can participate in 4-H and Scouting programs.

Louise E. Davis, child and family development specialist, says there are particular activi-

ties suited to small children.

First, she advises parents to select activities that aren't above the child's developmental age. Davis says parents sometimes select games too complex for children to understand, such as board games with many rules. For young children, Davis suggests bubbles, finger painting or molding clay.

She also recommends open-ended activities such as Legos, blocks and memory games.

"These activities allow children to think and use their imagination," she notes.

Finally, Davis suggests extracurricular activities, such as music lessons, dance and sports. "They help children develop skills and make friends."

But she cautions against too much of a good thing. "Parents need to know that extracurricular endeavors are good for children, but too many can overwhelm them. One extracurricular activity is enough, and two should be the maximum."

Peace Corps Day set

Gov. Kirk Fordice has declared March 1 Peace Corps Day, recognizing the volunteer organization's 35th anniversary.

According to a proclamation issued by Fordice's office, Peace Corps Day will recognize the "more than 140,000 volunteers who have dedicated their time and talents to promoting world peace."

The proclamation also honors "the response of the people of Mississippi to Peace Corps' call for service in seeking solutions to the complex human problems of hunger, poverty, illiteracy and disease."

One option available to returning volunteers is participation in programs like the University of Southern Mississippi's Peace Corps Fellows program. USM's program began in 1990, admitted its first class of fellows in 1992 and is based at the USM Gulf Coast campus.

The program provides returning Peace Corps volunteers who want to become teachers an opportunity to earn a master's degree while teaching in Mississippi schools.

The contributions these volunteers make in Mississippi schools is immeasurable, said Dr. Eric Luce, coordinator of USMGC's Peace Corps Fellows program.

"Here in Mississippi, we have a diverse array of schools and a diverse array of schools with particular needs at particular times," Luce said. "Through the Peace Corps Fellows program, we can provide returning volunteers the chance to become teachers."

The way USM's program is set up, students can earn provisional or alternative teaching certificates in Mississippi and teach part- or full-time while pursuing a degree, said Luce, noting USM is one of about a dozen schools nationally that offers a teacher-training program for returning volunteers.

Fellows also may apply for full-time jobs after completing their degrees. The program

places teachers with diverse backgrounds and international experiences in Mississippi classrooms, Luce said.

For example, Jim Heatherington, who served in the Ukraine from 1992-94, has an accounting degree from Pennsylvania State University and a background in the financial services industry.

While in the Ukraine, Heatherington wrote marketing and business plans for new businesses and advised existing business.

Now enrolled in the USMGC Peace Corps Fellows program, Heatherington is teaching business-related courses at Hattiesburg High School. Luce said Heatherington is only one example of the successful combination of education, a desire to teach and experience.

The Peace Corps of the United States was established March 1, 1961, by President John F. Kennedy.

On ETV

Masterpiece Theatre

A storm is brewing over Blandings, stately home of Clarence Threepwood, Earl of Emsworth. Mobil Masterpiece Theatre *Heavy Weather* tells the antic tale of an eccentric British aristocrat whose ministrations to his beloved Empress are constantly interrupted by family squabbles.

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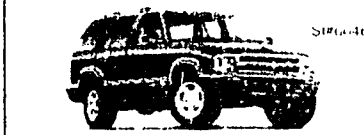
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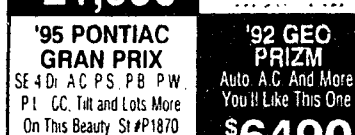
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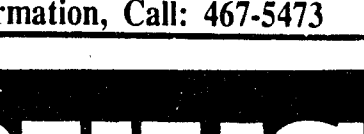
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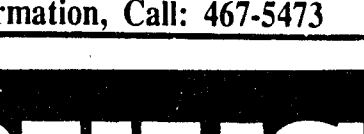
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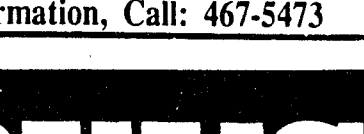
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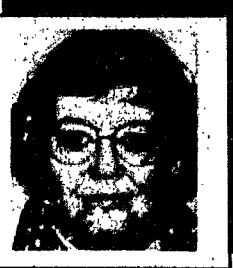
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IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

HAVING FUN

Bus attendance has decreased in recent months (down to two at times) to visit the Senior Citizens Center in Bay St. Louis every Friday.

I'm sure there are more folks out there who would enjoy a morning spent doing crafts, painting or just visiting with friends. These folks enjoy a nice hot lunch and some shopping at various stores on the way home about 1 p.m.

The bus leaves the Diamondhead Plaza Shopping Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

If you need transportation to the bus, please call me at 255-1317.

YOU ARE INVITED . . .

To visit the temporary Grill in the cart facility at the country club site for breakfast and lunch. Brenda advises hours will be from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. The Grill will stop serving the main menu at 5, but a limited number of snack items will be available for something with your cocktails.

An evening hours extension

will be based on demand and support. Brenda asks that you visit her in her temporary office at the community center. She welcomes the residents' input and ideas on future bookings and parties, etc. at our new country club.

DON'T FORGET

After the Mardi Gras madness and fun is over, the Diamondhead Performing Arts opens its season of entertainment with "Side by Side by Sondheim" on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at Rogers Hall of Diamondhead Academy.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$3.50 students and may be purchased at LLLtd. or at the door the evening of the performance.

ACADEMY HAPPENINGS

Fifth grader Matthew Bruke was given a good citizenship award and accompanied school principal Cal Rogers to a recent board of supervisors meeting to receive a check for the school's participation in the recycling drive.

The results are in from the Mississippi Private School Association art competition, and some Diamondhead Academy students have placed first and second again.

Congratulations to Laine Anderson, second, and Joe Munger, fifth, first place, Tyler Gardner, and Kelsey Reid, Alex Siler, Allison Garwood, Joelle Kiefer, Jeremy Burke, Meagan Moran and John Rogers, second place winners.

STUDENT EXCELS

Leanne Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee Bennett of Diamondhead, and an English and Spanish major at William Carey College, has been chosen to compete in the Southern Literary Festival in Natchez in April.

Bennett participated and won awards in speaking in the Rice University tournament in Houston.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For May 10, 11 and 12 be at the Day's Inn for a great meal

and a wonderful show. Sister Brigitte and her sisters from St. Elizabeth Convent are coming back for a visit.

The Diamondhead Players present this original musical comedy by Rene J. Duffour in "Nun for the Money II." Tickets and reservations go on sale March 1.

THOUGHTS TO SHARE

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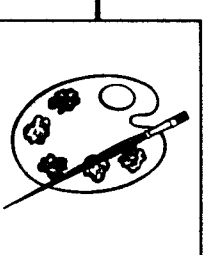
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Hancock County Planning Commission is seeking public comment in connection with the proposed Hancock County Zoning Text and Maps. In order for the general public to present their views regarding future land development in the county, Hancock County Planning Commission will sponsor a series of public meetings at the following locations.

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Gulfview School (Lakeshore)	2/26/96	7:00 PM
Charles B. Murphy School (Pearlington)	2/28/96	7:00 PM
Hancock North Central High School	3/4/96	7:00 PM
Hancock High School	3/6/96	7:00 PM

All concerned citizens are strongly urged to attend one of the public meetings. Written comments may also be addressed to Hancock County Planning Commission, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

ARTIN' ABOUT



Exhibit

"Pelicans," watercolors by Mary Jane Cox of Louisiana; "Blue Glaze," pottery by Greg Olson of California; "Sculptured Glass," free form candle holders by Jozefina of New Jersey; "Sea Creature," porcelain and beaded pins by Cynthia Chaung of New York. The exhibit is on display through March 31.

The collection is on display and for sale. Hours are 10-5 Monday-Saturday, 12-5 Sunday.

Hillyer House is located 207 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, MS 39571. Call (601) 452-4810 for details.

ArtWave

ArtWave, an association of professional artists residing in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi announces its annual membership exhibition beginning Feb. 16 at The Blue Tree Gallery, 1109 Pascagoula Street, Pascagoula. Gallery hours are 9:30-5, Monday-Friday. The exhibition will remain in place until March 8.

Both two-dimensional and three-dimensional works will be shown. All work is by members of ArtWave, with members showing up to two framed pieces each. A bin of unframed originals, consisting of up to five pieces per member, will be available for browsing.

Walter Anderson Museum "Creatures of the Air," an exhibit featuring a new look at the wide variety of bird creations by Walter Anderson, will be open to the public Feb. 22 at the Walter Anderson Museum of Art.

The exhibit was assembled by the family of Walter Anderson and is comprised primarily of works rarely seen on display and not published in *The Birds of Walter Anderson*.

The exhibit will be on display until March 31.

The museum is located 510 Washington Avenue in Ocean Springs.

NOMA

The New Orleans Museum of Art has a new fast and easy way to access information about programs and activities at the museum. FYI-1515 is a free 24-hour interactive phone service offering the latest information on events, such as films, lectures and special performances planned at the museum. All callers need is a touch-tone phone.

To connect to the new system, callers may dial FYI (394)-1515 and press 6662 to go straight to NOMA's current listing of events. A pre-recorded message with a brief description as well as dates and times of all upcoming special programs will be

played.

Callers also have the option of connecting instantly to NOMA's operator during normal business hours, or having a museum information sheet, which includes a monthly calendar of events, faxed directly to their home or business.

Caribbean art

The cultural traditions of the Caribbean region, including the celebrated Carnival, will be explored in the New Orleans Museum of Art's newest exhibition, *Caribbean Visions: Contemporary Painting and Sculpture*, on display through March

3 in the Ella West Freeman Gallery on the first floor.

BSLLT memberships

Memberships are available to the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, with several sponsorship levels.

For information, call Beth Benvenuti, membership chairman, 467-1402.

Submissions to Artin' About should be sent to The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Notices will be edited and published on a space-available basis.

BSLLT birthday bash

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, will have a "birthday party" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club on North Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis.

The evening will include a cash bar, food and entertainment, including a reprisal of "The Twelve-Pound Look," a

one-act play by J. M. Barrie that was BSLLT's first production.

Admission is free to 1996 BSLLT members.

For non-members, the \$10 admission fee will serve as payment of 1996 dues.

Party-goers may wear cocktail party attire or come costumed as their favorite theatrical character.

BSLLT auditions

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will hold auditions for its late May production of "The Fantastiks" at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25 at the BSLLT Playhouse at 301 Boardman Avenue.

Kathy Winn and Harry Breaux will co-direct the popular musical about a young man and woman whose fathers (or mothers) plot to get them together by pretending to keep them apart.

Actors should prepare a one-minute monologue and a song

not from the show. They should bring sheet music or a tape with them. A piano accompanist and tape player will be provided.

Also needed in May will be a pianist, percussionist and harpist. Musicians, who must be experienced in reading scores, should bring a resume and audio or video tape demo to auditions.

Actors who cannot audition at the set time should call Breaux at 467-1048; musicians should call Winn at 467-2600.

Applications for Mrs. Mississippi

The annual search to find the most beautiful married woman to represent Mississippi in the 1996 Mrs. America Pageant is underway.

Doris Modjeski, Mrs. America state director for Mississippi, announced her pageant office is accepting applications for its statewide competition to be held in the spring. The winner of the competition qualified for the 1996 Mrs. America Pageant, which has been nationally televised since 1977.

To qualify for the Mrs. Mississippi State Pageant, a contestant must be a U.S. Citizen, a minimum of 18 years old, married as of the date of entry, and a resident of Mississippi for at

least six months. In addition, each applicant must undergo a pre-screening by submitting an official application, a one-page biography and a recent photograph of herself.

For information, contact Doris Modjeski, P. O. Box 1780, Edwards, MS 39066-0170, or call 852-2043. Application requests should be submitted early.

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"Failing to recognize the threat car crashes represent," notes Mark Smith, Mississippi Safe Kids coordinator, "may lead parents to ignore simple measure which could save lives."

According to records from the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety, 2,823 Mississippi children were killed or injured in motor vehicle crashes in one year. Preventing some of these injuries and deaths can be as easy as using seat belts or child safety seats.

"It is difficult to understand why every parent doesn't take an extra three seconds and buckle up their children," states Becky Webster, occupant restraint coordinator for the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety.

Parents typically offer a host of reasons when asked why their child isn't buckled up. Most excuses generally blame the child. Such comments as "my child screams when we put him in his child safety seat," or "I thought he had buckled his seat belt," are common.

Although children can exhibit rebellious behavior, it is more likely that they will try to please parents. Mississippi Safe Kids suggests that parents firmly require children to buckle up every time they ride with no exceptions.

It is equally important once the policy is established to consistently enforce this safety measure. "If children know what to expect and consequences for failing to comply, they will often choose to cooperate," explains Christy Gilliland, Mississippi Safe Kids spokesperson.

Often the key to establishing the buckle-up habit is to start early. Begin with their first ride and buckle children in a child safety seat every time they are in a car.

"A child is less likely to protest if he has never had another option," remarks Gilliland.

When infants need attention while traveling, always stop the car to attend to their needs. Removing them from the seat and letting them ride in the lap of a passenger can begin habits which are hard to break.

Toddlers can present a challenge if they learn to get out of the child safety seat without assistance. Keeping them safe may require parents to try a variety of seats until they discover a design which isn't easy for the child to manipulate. Safe Kids recommends that parents borrow and try out seats from friends before deciding which one to purchase.

As children get older and tend to question the need for child safety seats, explain why you want to keep them safe. Even young children can understand that child safety seats and seat belts hold them back against the seat and prevent passengers from crashing into the windshield.

Parents are often too eager to put aside the child safety seat and attempt to secure their children with adult-sized lap/shoulder belts.

"For maximum protection, children should remain in child safety seats until they weigh approximately 70 pounds," said Gilliland. Booster seats are designed to be used by children after they are too large for convertible child seats. According to Gilliland, children usually like to use boosters because they allow children to see out of the windows.

The Mississippi Safe Kids Coalition has prepared the following list of tips to help parents insure their children are protected with child safety seats and seat belts:

- Use child safety seats on your child's first ride and every ride.

- Make it a policy that anyone transporting your child buckles them every time.

- Set a good example — always wear a seat belt and require that everyone buckle up.

- Explain the importance of child safety seats and seat belts to older children.

- Prepare toys and activities to keep children occupied while they ride.

- Place a passenger beside a child to offer comfort and attention.

- Praise children when they exhibit acceptable behavior.

"Although parents cannot control the risks children will face every day," warns Smith, "Parents can minimize the risk of injury by insuring that their children buckle up. It is a small thing, but it can mean the difference between life and death."

MILITARY MENTIONS

PO1 SANDERS

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ronald A. Sanders, whose wife, Dawn, is the daughter of Don Henry and Dorothy M. Sampson of Pass Christian, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Sanders was cited for superior performance of duty while serving as a leading petty officer with Administrative Support Unit, Southwest Asia.

Sanders was singled out for the medal because of his initiative in making a significant contribution to the accomplishment of the command's mission.

Sanders currently serves at Trident Training Facility, Kings Bay, Ga.

Shrimp farming

A U.S. Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. Thad Cochran, will hold a field hearing in Biloxi Feb. 16 to examine the status of domestic marine shrimp farming research.

The hearing on university marine aquaculture research

by Cochran's U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium in Biloxi.

The 1981 graduate of Hammond High School joined the Navy in December 1981.

PVT GALLOWAY

Private Michael Galloway, a 1995 graduate of Bay High School, officially earned the title "United States Marine" during recent graduation ceremonies at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Galloway will serve four years in the Marine Corps as a transportation specialist.

PO3 MORGAN

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Sherman Morgan, son of Georgia M. Johnson of Biloxi, recently received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned at Naval Station, Pascagoula.

Morgan was recognized for his superior performance of duty, displaying remarkable dedication and initiative. Morgan consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

The 1985 graduate of Southeast High School of Kansas City Mo., joined the Navy in December 1988.

VIRGIL C. LATKO

Virgil C. Latko, a senior at Bay High School, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training at the Navy's Radioman school.

Latko, son of Dawn M. Latko of Bay St. Louis, enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program and will complete high school before reporting for active duty in July to Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. for basic training.

Group tours Bay

The Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Phi Theta Kappa Community College National Honor Society Convention, hosted by Iota Mu Chapter, Pearl River Community College, was held the last weekend in January at the new Holiday Inn in Waveland.

The group included 185 honor students and their advisors from junior colleges throughout Mississippi and Louisiana.

Norma Hammill, instructor at Pearl River Community College, was the regional coordinator for the convention.

During their stay, the group enjoyed an educational tour in the shops of "Old Town Bay St. Louis" through the efforts of Jerry Dixon, proprietor of Serenity Art Gallery, and local artists Nadine Stamm, Anne Lynch, Alice Moseley, Bonnie

Tanner, Elizabeth Veglia, Sarah Foster and Vicki Lever, who welcomed the group.

Many merchants extended their shopping hours to share southern hospitality with these members.

A special welcome and history of St. Stanislaus was given by Brother Adrian Gaudin, SC, St. Stanislaus director of campus ministry and Father Paul Calamari, director of student residency program.

Charles Gray, president of the Hancock County Historical Society, was a featured speaker at the Sunday morning breakfast and also arranged a bus tour of Bay St. Louis with assistance from Pat Cucullu, director of Bay St. Louis tourism, and Councilman Jim Thrifflay and his wife, Jean Ann.

Conversational English Classes

Conversational English classes are offered by the First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis.

These classes are free and are especially for adults whose original language is not English, who need to learn English as a second language.

There are three levels of study: Beginners, Intermediates and Advanced. Classes are twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m.

There is an open registration policy, allowing students to register at any time during the school year. Classes will meet at the First Baptist Church, 141 Main St., Bay St. Louis (across from the courthouse) in the upper level of the educational annex and continue throughout the school year 1995-96.

For more information, call Dottie Gilbert, director at 466-5785; Toy Tedford, associate director at 467-4703, or the church office at 467-4005.



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SSC Pepsi Students

St. Stanislaus December Pepsi Students of the Month are, front row from left, freshman Brandon Everett, seventh grader John Thibodeaux, and eighth grader Andrew Buck; second row, junior Liam Fitzpatrick, senior Terry Lawyer and sophomore Christian Marrione.

Crops grown in hole in the soil — indoors

Try planting seeds in 7,000 pounds of Iowa soil — packed in a metal cylinder — and ignore winter's icy winds.

Tom Kaspar is doing just that this winter — indoors — on the flatlands of Iowa. He can dictate or duplicate whatever kind of weather he wants. Kaspar's "garden" grows in a two-story chamber that's far different from a greenhouse. It's one of three new two-story growth chambers in use at the National Soil Tilth Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

A walkway takes Kaspar and his U.S. Department of Agriculture colleagues down stairs where a mammoth soil bin holds the 7,000 pounds of rich farmland. Holes in the side of the bin let scientists use laser light probes to monitor plant

root growth at various depths. On the upper level, plants as tall as corn can grow to maturity.

"We can simulate just about any growing condition experienced by plants and roots growing in any soil and environment in the United States," he says. "And we are able to study how soil and the biological processes of earthworms and microbes respond to stable or changing environmental conditions."

Kaspar, a plant scientist for USDA's Agricultural Research Service, says experiments will give farmers new findings, for example, on how soil temperatures help or hinder the growth of plant roots. Other studies will show how various crops planted in rotation can take in

the leaching of nitrate into underground water.

All of this and other research goes on year-round in the chambers — the only ones of their kind in the world. Usually, growth chambers are built into the ground outdoors and research is timed to the growing season and the weather.

At Ames, within each of the indoor chambers, an independent computer system automatically collects all the data generated on shoots and roots during an experiment. And in the lower chamber, Kaspar says, temperature, water and drainage can be controlled and monitored to simulate changing seasons on farms. "We can make observations and measurements that would be difficult, or impossible, in the field."

Team researching wetlands

Two chemists at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs are part of a team of Mississippi university researchers which has been awarded an EPSCoR grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate contaminant processing in wetlands.

Dr. Julia S. Lytle, senior environmental chemist, and Dr. Thomas F. Lytle, senior analytical chemist, represent the University of Southern Mississippi (which administers GCRL) on the collaborative project with investigators from the University of Mississippi and Jackson State University.

Two-year funding totals \$107,815, including support from the EPA, Mississippi's Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning and in-kind support from the participating universities.

EPSCoR, or Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, is an program implemented by seven federal agencies to build competitive science programs in states that have traditionally received limited federal research and development funding.

Mississippi is one of 18 states and one territory earning competitive EPSCoR funding designed to enhance science and engineering education, research and technical capabilities and technology transfer.

Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi formed the Mississippi Research Consortium whose collaboration largely influences Mississippi's success in the EPSCoR program.

Faculty members and students at participating campuses collaborate on EPSCoR projects. In addition, various outreach programs allow students and faculty at other Mississippi senior and community colleges to have access to specialized research and educational opportunities.

To date, Mississippi's EPSCoR focus has been chemistry and materials science, areas which support the state's composite materials and chemical industrial base.

In this particular EPSCoR project, the Lytles will work

with colleagues at Ole Miss and Jackson State to assess how wetlands process manmade compounds, particularly pesticides. The investigation is designed to abate agricultural runoff, the most pervasive non-point pollution source in the state.

Researchers want to determine how various components of wetland systems process specific materials, how components interact to determine the pathways of material processing within a wetland, and how system components and processes are affected by the materials.

Field studies will be conducted

at the University of Mississippi Biological Field Station, with laboratory experiments examining functional aspects of chemical, biochemical, physiological and genetic processing. Computer-numerical models will be developed and used to gain a better understanding of transport and transformation processes.

In addition to the EPA, other EPSCoR sponsors include the National Science Foundation, the Dept. of Defense, the Dept. of Energy, the Dept. of Agriculture, the National Institutes of Health and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NASA Tri-State Education Initiative receives award

NASA's Tri-State Education Initiative (TSEI), which is under the leadership of NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center, recently received Vice President Al Gore's Hammer Award.

The Hammer Award is given in recognition of persons or groups who have made a notable contribution in support of National Performance Review education ideas.

The award, which featured a hammer mounted on a black backdrop, contained a note from Gore stating, "For the Tri-State Education Initiative — Thanks for building a government that works better and costs less!" The hammer symbolizes building a superior government that is efficient yet economical.

Linda Walker, Southeast Regional Field Coordinator for the National Performance Review, presented the award to TSEI Program Manager Dr. David Powe at an educational conference in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Organized by the U.S. Department of Education and NASA, the conference showcased examples of cooperation between agencies in the government, education and private sectors which had created successful partnerships for reinventing or building better educational systems.

Powe presented the Hammer Award to Stennis Space Center Director Roy Estess and Deputy Director Mark Craig.

"It makes me very proud to see NASA's contributions to the education of our young people recognized at this level," Estess said.

The TSEI is a cooperative effort between NASA and state, local and other federal agencies and represents NASA's model for national education reform. It encompasses an area within a 50-mile radius of Iuka, Miss., which includes parts of Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. The initiative advocates total community involvement in the education system and programs that are appropriate for people of all age groups.

The TSEI is an association of 30 school districts, Kindergarten through grade 12, organized to work cooperatively to enhance and broaden the capabilities of the respective education systems within the three-state area. Its priorities include facilitating technology for training and economic development and providing information and training about technology utilization/transfer and federal procurement procedures.

For information about the Tri-State Education Initiative, call Dr. David Powe at (601) 423-7452 or the NASA Teacher Resource Center at SSC at (601) 688-3338.

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ACT training course

Students taking the American College Test entrance exam at the University of Southern Mississippi on April 13 have an opportunity to start early preparation.

An eight-session ACT training course will be offered at USM prior to the April ACT session. Kaplan Educational Centers and USM's Department of Continuing Education are teaming up to offer one of the most complete ACT training courses available.

Sessions include instruction in areas such as math, English, science reasoning and reading comprehension, with emphasis on test-taking skills and strategies. All course sessions will meet on the USM campus, at a location to be announced.

Meeting dates for the ACT course for the April 13 exam are

Feb. 18, 25; and March 3, 10, 17, 24, 30, 31. The first session is 2-6 p.m. All other Sunday sessions are 2-5 p.m. The Saturday, March 30 session includes a testing period and is 9 a.m.-noon.

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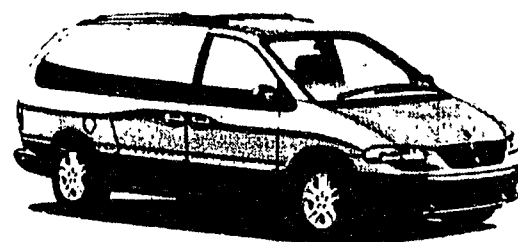
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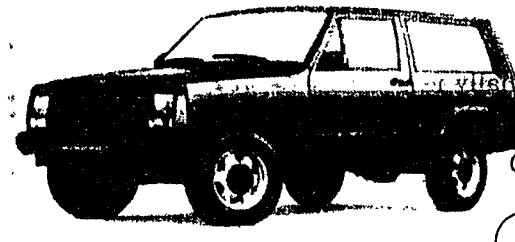
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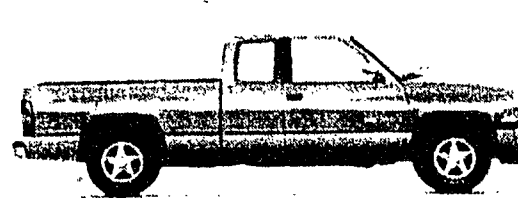


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Medical bills — knowing what to look for can help

Q. After a recent hospital stay, I found two errors on my bill totaling several hundred dollars. The hospital removed the charges, but I am frustrated with the overcharge. I am sure most people don't even check their bill. Is there anything that can be done to prevent this problem?

A. Hospitals, insurance companies and consumer advocates readily admit to a high degree of error in hospital bills. But they are quick to point out that medical bills are ultimately the responsibility of the consumer or patient. Bills should be checked for accuracy just like credit card and hotel bills.

However, Cathy Vernon, director of consumer assistance with the Mississippi Department of Insurance says "the complexity of medical services and terminology makes it virtually impossible for most people to do a 'self-audit.' Problems with medical billing motivates some insurance companies to reward those who find errors. They pay you a percentage of what is saved by the correction."

How can consumers successfully audit their own bills? Start before there is a medical problem. Get familiar with your insurance coverage. Find out what services are paid for and what is excluded. Does the company use a preferred provider network? If so, what's the difference in the reimbursement for providers outside of the network?

Consumer advocates suggest interviewing your doctor. Don't



CONSUMER UPDATE

By Jan Lukens, MBA, CFP
Consumer Money Management Specialist

be shy about talking costs and payment arrangements. After all, you are hiring this person to do work for you.

Several months ago, a client shared with me that she had fired her doctor. She told him her intentions on her last office visit. He actually appreciated her frankness and felt other patients would benefit from what he had learned. Judging from their final conversation, an initial interview may have prevented their communication problems.

Before a medical procedure, consult your doctor or his office manager regarding charges. Call the insurance company to see if the fee falls in their approved range and what percentage will be covered. Be sure to have the five-digit code for the medical procedure.

When bills arrive, get an itemized statement. By this point, you should be familiar with much of the terminology associated with your procedure. Ask your admitting physician about any unfamiliar service or doctor. As Vernon points out, "you will never see your radiologist so you may not recognize all

the doctors who care for you."

Q. One of my health insurance companies won't pay a medical bill because they are waiting on an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from my other insurer. In the meantime, my account got turned over for collection. I didn't know about the problem until I got a collection notice. What should I do? I know insurance will pay, but I don't want my credit to be ruined.

A. When you think hospital bills and insurance have gotten as complicated as possible, add second insurance carrier to the equation and watch the complexities multiply. Still, the final payment responsibility lies with the patient.

Send copies of the EOB yourself. Give the second insurer the details on your primary carrier to they can contact one another directly. Call the insurer and the hospital until the problem is resolved. If you pay the bill while waiting on insurance, pursue your refund from the hospital diligently.

If you need assistance, contact your employer benefits office or the State Department of Insurance. Keep a file detailing all hospital bills, correspondence and a log of all efforts made to resolve the problem.

Check your credit record once the problem is resolved. If slow payments were reported, dispute the information or submit your own consumer statement to circumvent future credit problems.

Q. I was denied health insurance based upon my health history. The information did not come from my doctor or hospital but some kind of reporting service. What is this service and do they have the right to give out my medical information?

A. The service you are referring to is a Medical Information Bureau (MIB). It collects physical and medical data requested by insurance companies much like a credit bureau collects credit information.

Distribution of medical information is regulated through the same law that regulates credit information, the Fair Credit Reporting Act. To get a copy of your file, write to MIB, P.O. Box 105, Essex Station, Boston, MA 02112 or call 617-426-3660.

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MMS announces proposed five-year OCS oil, gas leasing program for 1997-2002

The Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) announced the Proposed 5-Year Program for oil and natural gas activities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) for 1997-2002. The proposed program does not differ from the draft proposed program, released in August 1995, which considered up to 16 lease sales in eight offshore planning areas.

"The proposed program reflects the input of all affected parties," said MMS director Cynthia Quarterman. "We've been working with our constituents since November of 1994 when we published a *Federal*

Register notice soliciting comments for the new five-year program. The fact that there were no changes to the draft program demonstrates the benefits of working extensively with affected parties.

"States, industry, the environmental community, and all other interested parties, including forums, such as the Alaska Stakeholders Task Force, will continue to play a role in formulating the final program," said Quarterman.

MMS also announced the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which presents the

results of environmental analyses of the proposed program. The *Federal Register* of Feb. 9 will carry notices of the availability of the proposed program and the DEIS. "The DEIS analyses include an option to hold an Atlantic OCS lease sale in 2000," said Quarterman, "but it doesn't appear on the proposed schedule."

Two additional alternatives in the eastern Gulf of Mexico also are examined in the DEIS, according to Quarterman. The first alternative includes a sale in 2001 of an additional 384 deep water blocks in an expanded program area. The second alternative would add a sale in 1999 in the deep water blocks of the expanded program area.

"Although neither alternative was selected for the proposed program," stressed Quarterman, "they will be considered again in subsequent program decisions."

The adequacy of the DEIS will be the subject of public hearings this spring, Quarterman said. "We're arranging for hearings in Houston, New Orleans and Mobile, Ala., as well as Anchorage, Yakutat, Homer, Barrow and Kotzebue in Alaska. Specific dates, times and locations will be published as soon as arrangements are complete," she said.

Comments on the proposed program and DEIS are due May 9. Mail comments to Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 22070. Please include Mail Code 4430 for comments on the proposed program, and Mail Code 4320 for comments on the DEIS in the address.

MMS will accept hand deliveries at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 4227, Washington, DC. Envelopes or packages should be identified as "Comments on the Proposed 5-Year OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Program for 1997-2002," or "Comments on the 1997-2002 Oil & Gas Program Draft EIS."

MMS is the federal agency that manages the nation's natural gas, oil and other mineral resources on the OCS, and collects, accounts for and disburses about \$4 billion yearly in revenues from federal offshore leases and federal and Indian onshore mineral leases.

Edmonson, Laurel, and Shirley Skinner of Natchez, all representing employees;

Billy Powell of Eupora, James Sturgis Sr. of Vicksburg, Gary Rhoads, Flowood, and Charles Adams, Laurel, all representing the public.

Advisory council members assist the commissioners and executive director as requested to formulate policies, discuss problems, and recommend solutions in matters pertaining to the commission.

The advisory council is also charged with advising and aiding the commission in promoting employment and training efforts within the state.

MESC names new advisory council

Twelve Mississippians have been appointed to serve on the Mississippi Employment Security Commission Advisory Council for 1996, according to Jim Ingram, commission chairman.

The advisory council is composed of representatives from the employer and employee communities as well as the public. Council members serve one-year terms.

The council includes Jerry McBride of Jackson, chairman, Paul G. Carter Jr. of Pascagoula, Bruce Smith of Tupelo and Bob Laney, Pascagoula, all representing employers;

Neal Fowler of Vicksburg, Ollie Sykes of Meridian, Mary

"Micro Purchases" seminar scheduled

A seminar titled "Micro Purchases" will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Business Technology Center at 1636 Poppo Ferry Road in Biloxi.

Ed Covacevich of the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center will explain the changing policies and procedures of selling to the government with credit card payments.

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A graduate of St. Stanislaus High School, Labat is the son of Mrs. Rhonda Labat and Mr. Myron Labat of Bay St. Louis.

Majoring in psychology at Jackson State, Labat is a member of the JSU Tennis Team, National Dean's List, NAACP and Psychology Club.

Jackson State University students are among students attending more than 1,800 colleges and universities in the United States and foreign countries who have been named outstanding leaders.

Students are selected by the JSU Academic Honors Council



and the editors of Who's Who based on academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

MGCCC honor lists

The president's and vice president's lists for the 1995 fall semester at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jefferson Davis Campus, Perkinson Campus and Kessler and West Harrison County Occupational Training Centers have been released.

To be eligible for the president's list, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average on a minimum of 12 semester hours. For the vice president's list, a student must maintain a 3.3 to 3.9 GPA, with no grade less than a "C" on a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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Krewe of Nereids celebrates its 30th anniversary

(Pictured right) A youngster pleads with the maskers for more throws. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)



(Pictured left) The riders delighted the large crowds with beads, trinkets, and even snacks. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)



Queen Doris XXX reigns over the 30th annual Krewe of Nereids parade last Sunday. As per tradition, the identity of the queen is not revealed. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder)



"It's A Celebration" was the theme for this year's Nereids parade as the krewe celebrated 30 years of rolling on the coast. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder)



The Dukes float rolls down Highway 90 throwing its share of beads, cups, frisbees, doubloons and posters to the eager crowd. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder)

Krewe of Kids starts the Mardi Gras parade season



It was important for "Teddy" to come along with this young lady as she view the spectators at the annual Krewe of Kids parade last Saturday. (Echo staff photos by Ellis C. Cuevas)



This clown travels the parade route on a bicycle stopping on occasion to toss beads to spectators.



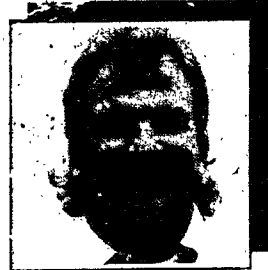
A wagon float holds from left, Christina Lemon, Cathryn Lemon and Matthew Corr, as they toss beads to spectators in the Krewe of Kids parade.



This young lady prepares to throw beads to spectators as she sports her clown costume.

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BETWEEN THE LINES

By Richard Meek

Unprepared to play

If a lesson can be learned from a loss, then Our Lady Academy should have been an attentive student on Saturday.

The Crescents saw their soccer season abruptly, and surprisingly, ended Saturday with a 4-0 loss to Clinton in Clinton in a quarterfinal playoff game. Although the Lady Arrows, who will play Bay High in a semifinal game tomorrow night in Jackson, are certainly an outstanding team, OLA may have lost the game long before the opening whistle.

The players had to endure a grueling five-hour bus ride from Bay St. Louis to Clinton, arriving only 40 minutes before the 3:30 p.m. start. Even to the most casual of observers, it was obvious the team was physically drained upon arrival.

With heads hung low, and bodies dragging, the Crescents were lethargic in pregame warm-ups. The weariness carried over to the game, as OLA was dominated in every aspect.

OLA coach Karen Hunt admitted she wished the team had arrived earlier, but not by much. She said she wanted the team to arrive no more than one hour before game time so as to avoid pregame jitters.

Hunt's concerns may have been legitimate, but there were other ways to circumvent that problem. The most logical would have been to leave Bay St. Louis earlier and upon arrival in Clinton, stop at nearby Mississippi College to loosen up.

Because of the fatiguing drive and the arrival so close to game time, the Crescents were

physically never in the game. By the early moments of the second half, the outcome was determined, only the final score remained.

The loss was a disappointment for a Crescent team that appeared good enough to make a run at the state championship in this, the inaugural year of the girls' soccer playoffs. Had OLA defeated Clinton, a difficult task even under the best of conditions, the Crescents would have faced Bay High in the semifinals, a team they had defeated twice in the regular season. The final test in all likelihood would have been Tupelo, a team considered by most to be the state's finest.

A playoff loss is always difficult to accept. But the frustration is magnified knowing that a lack of pregame planning may have been the real culprit, and not that the other team was better.

The NFL's version of The Home Shopping Network begins Friday when teams attempt to lure attractive free agents with open arms and deep pockets. Although the free agent menu appears to offer some enticing entrees, buyers beware of paying big bucks to players with more gristle than meat.

The most intriguing names are Green Bay tight end Mark Chmura, Chicago defensive lineman Alonzo Spellman, Detroit linebacker Chris Spielman, Arizona cornerback Aeneas Williams and Green Bay safety George Teague.

Players such as Jeff Hostetler, Irving Fryer, Garrison Hearst, Chris Doleman and Cornelius Bennett appear enticing, but are either in the twilight of their careers, or have never performed as expected.

Where does this leave the revamped New Orleans Saints? Since coach Jim Mora has one year to salvage his job, it's apparent he has to go for the quick fix. That's where a Bennett, or Doleman may fit in.

Mora can perhaps coax one more good year out of enough of retools to post a winning season and secure a new contract from owner Tom Benson.

But before dabbling in the free agent market, the Saints must protect their flank by signing their own free agents first. Although it is tempting to go outside for the answers, sometimes the solutions lie within.

It is imperative the Saints resign wide receiver Quinn Early, offensive tackle Richard Cooper, safety Sean Lumpkin and cornerback Jimmy Spencer.

Tight end Wesley Walls is expendable, especially if Mora could recruit Chmura to the Crescent City.

Free agency can solve the Saints' obvious defensive needs. Williams would provide Eric Allen a stellar battery mate at cornerback, and Spellman would bring an intensity lacking in the Saints' defense.

The downside is that free agency is often a Band-Aid camouflaging a larger wound. The Saints shelled out lottery-

type money for Allen, but the rest of the defense was so porous that he had little impact.

Some contend the Allen signing was a failure, but if the Saints surround him with a respectable cast, his nay-sayers will be proven wrong.

The free agency sweepstakes is like playing a slot machine: You insert a quarter with hopes of hitting the jackpot. But often, the quarter is wasted.

Buyers beware.

Park Ten Lanes results

There was league competition at Park Ten Lanes in Diamondhead on Feb. 5.

The high scratch game series saw Jo Ann Cucurullo end with a score of 543. Peggy Clemons added a 477, Elaine Williams a 487, Elaine Spiers a 444, Virginia Criss a 448, Carol Guilmino a 448, and Rhonda Poteet a 477.

The high handicap game saw Jo Ann Cucurullo score a 264. Melissa Koch scored a 240 while Rhonda Poteet added a 231. June Middleton finished with a 227.

In the Dupont B league Rick Collins scored a 205 while David Campbell added a 193. Lee Hertz finished with a 188, Daniel Seliga a 193, Eddie Woodall a 223, Matt Dubisson a 182, and Mary Dempsey a 176.

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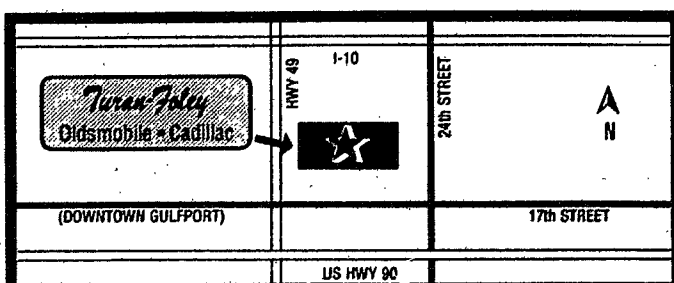
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Foot race

Ellen Felder, right, charges past a Meridian defender for the soccer ball Monday night in Bay High's 2-1 victory. The Lady Tigers, 13-2, will face Clinton Friday night in Jackson in the semifinals of the inaugural girls state soccer tournament. (Photo by Randy Ponder)

Lady Tigers win 2-1, advance to final four

BY RANDY PONDER

With time running out and a state semifinal berth at stake, Julie Heitzmann scored on a deflected kick from Amanda Kingston to give Bay High a 2-1 victory over Meridian Monday night at Tiger Stadium.

Displaying a strong, aggressive offense, backed by solid defense, Bay High dominated the first half and seemed to have control of the game. When Heitzmann scored her first of two goals midway through the opening half, also on an assist from Kingston, the Lady Tigers appeared to be on their way to a relatively easy victory.

But that was not to be. Meridian opened the second half with a new found enthusiasm and took the game to the Lady Tigers.

A flurry of shots on goal resulted in a 1-1 tie 10 minutes into the period. A hard hit line drive bounced off the cross bar and fell into a logjam of players right in the front center of the Bay High goal. Freshman Dixie Pigford tapped the ball into the goal for Meridian, just out of reach of a desperation dive from goalie Alicia Gavagnie.

With the score tied, the contest became a pressure cooker. The winner would make the semifinals and play Friday night in Jackson for a spot in the state championship game, the loser would go home.

Meridian seemed to have gained the momentum following its score and made several runs on goal only to be rejected by strong defensive play by Gavagnie and the other Lady Tiger defenders.

Bay High had its chances as well. But corner kicks went behind the net and several shots from inside the box missed the goal. Those missed opportunities would loom large

as time continued to run off the clock.

The game appeared headed for overtime until finally, with less than three minutes remaining in regulation, Kingston made a strong drive on goal from the right side. Her shot was deflected by the Meridian keeper to the far post where Heitzmann waited for the winning kick.

"This was a real tough game," Bay High coach Ken Matthew stated. "It came down to opportunities and who could take advantage. Everyone was under a lot of pressure."

Alicia played a great game. Her work in the goal may well have been the difference in this game," the Tiger coach stated.

"Meridian took more shots on goal than we did. That's unusual, we normally outshoot just about everyone we play. I tell the girls all the time, if you don't shoot, you can't score," Matthew added.

Several Lady Tiger starters were still nursing injuries from last week's overtime game in Ocean Springs. "These girls play injured. They must have a high pain threshold. They don't always tell me when they're hurt. They don't want to come out of the game," Matthew explained.

"I am really proud of the way our girls played. Meridian gave us a battle. We were just a little more determined. These girls just would not be denied. We wanted it just a little more," Matthew stated.

Meridian coach Pat Ross guided his much improved team to a 11-7 record this year. They finished last season at 2-12. The team has only one senior starter. Three 7th graders started the game. "Our girls showed a lot of character and class. They

played hard right up to the end," Ross said.

Matthews noted that Meridian has an excellent recreational program and the school benefits.

"Their team is real young, but they have highly skilled players," he said.

Heitzmann noted after the game, "We played good as a team, passing the ball and working it to the goal. I'm real happy that I scored and really excited that we won."

The win pits Bay High against the Clinton Lady Arrows Friday night in Jackson for the Mississippi High School Activities Association's south state championship. The winner will play Saturday at 11 a.m. for the state title.

Clinton shut out Our Lady Academy 4-0 last Saturday. OLA is the only team to beat the Lady Tigers this year. Clinton's record is 12 wins, two losses and two ties. Both of those losses were to Tupelo.

"I sneaked up there last week to watch Clinton play. They are very similar to Ocean Springs. They are big, aggressive and highly skilled. Their front line is strong and they'll take a lot of shots," Matthew noted.

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Out of my way

Amanda Kingston passes the ball away from a defender Monday night as the Lady Tigers advanced to the final four in the state soccer playoffs with a 2-1 win over Meridian. (Photo by Randy Ponder)

OLA falls in state quarterfinals

BY RICHARD MEEK
As the afternoon sun began to cast afternoon shadows over Clinton Stadium, Our Lady Academy Karen Hunt stood on a dark chapter in the Crescents' brief, but storied soccer history. Hunt was reviewing the carnage of a 4-0 quarterfinal loss to Clinton in the state soccer playoffs. Not only were the Crescents shut out for the first time this season, they were dominated in a fashion they are accustomed to doling out on opponents. "It just wasn't meant to be," a stunned Hunt said after watch-

ing OLA lose to a Mississippi team for the first time in at least two years. Just how complete was the domination? The Lady Arrows outshot OLA 3-1 in the first eight minutes, and spent the majority of the first 10 minutes on the Crescents' side of the field. In the second half, OLA went over 20 minutes without a shot on goal. After the first 10 minutes of the second half, the Crescents never threatened. "We never could get fired up," Hunt said of her team, which arrived in Clinton 40 minutes before gametime after a five-

hour bus ride. "We were a little sluggish after the long bus ride," she admitted. "We've never traveled this far and had such a short warmup time. "We could not get it going." The Lady Arrows, who will play Bay High in the semifinals Friday at 6 p.m. at Hinds Community College, were led by Jennifer Sheldon with two first half goals and a second half assist. Sheldon's performance was a bit of redemption, as she was benched by Lady Arrow coach Tony Ratliff to start the game for disciplinary reasons. "It was scary, because we did not know what kind of team OLA had," Ratliff said. "No one had heard of them. "We talked to several people, but no one knew a thing about (OLA). We did not even know any of their players." "But we were ready to play," she added. "The kids were keyed up. "We told them to play a tight game, especially early, to see what kind of team (OLA) had." The tone was set in the first two minutes when a shot by the Crescents' Andie Fillingame sailed wide. From that point, Clinton, 12-2-3, took control. At the 30:00 mark, a shot by the Lady Arrows' Kim Thompson narrowly missed. But less than three minutes later, Sheldon gave the Lady Arrows a 1-0 lead with a sidekick. After Fillingame's early shot, it would not be until the 25:20 mark that the Crescents would have another shot at goal. "Clinton was beating us to the ball," Hunt said. "They were more aggressive." "Clinton is a good team," she added "but I never felt like we would lose this game." The Lady Arrows put pressure on Crescent goalie Sara Smolensky throughout much of the first half, but Smolensky responded with several outstanding blocks. However, with under two minutes remaining, Sheldon scored on a rebound off Tiffany Mucho's missed shot that gave Clinton a 2-0 halftime lead. The turning point may have come early in the second half when the rejuvenated Crescents missed several scoring opportunities in the first five minutes. From that point, the

Lady Arrow defense dominated OLA, not allowing another shot on goal until under seven minutes remained. By that time, the Crescents trailed 3-0 following Leigh Carter's head shot at the 7:30 mark. "We were never desperate, but the kids recognized (after Carter's shot) that it was the end of the season for them," Hunt said. "I could sense their frustration." Chiali Lee of Clinton closed out the scoring with a headshot off a corner kick with under two minutes remaining. The Crescents' final scoring opportunity came at the 4:50 mark when Fillingame misfired on a shot from the left side. "We have a lot to be proud of, but the loss is a disappointment," said Hunt after guiding OLA to a 13-3 record. "This is a very big letdown," she added. "The seniors will spend some time getting over this. "We felt like we could get by this team."



Going for the ball
Michelle Carbon of Our Lady Academy (left) and Allison Grove of Clinton race to the ball Saturday in a state quarterfinal soccer playoff match in Clinton. OLA lost 4-0. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

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Rocks in soccer semifinals

BY RANDY PONDER
The St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws will take their 20-2-6 record into the state high school soccer semifinals Friday against 15-1 Florence in Clinton at 6p.m.

Heading down the stretch for a run at a possible state championship, the Rocks are on a roll. Stanislaus has shut its opposition nine straight times since the Christmas holidays. In that same time, the Rocks have scored 63 goals.

"We're playing really good right now," Rock coach Tim

Burns stated. "We're playing up to our ability. We haven't had a down game in a while."

They're setting records too, such as most goals in a season, 123, and most shutouts in a season, 13.

Casey Swanson has had three, three-goal games in the last four contests. Justin Wadsworth and A.J. Pale have each scored three goals in just two playoff games. Brad Cannon has had five assists and one goal in the playoffs, followed by Billy Powell with four assists and one goal.

Keeper Fernando Jimenez, sweeper Robbie Morrison, stopper Casey Heitzmann, and fullbacks Ross Pitcarin and Leo Laurent have not allowed a goal in the playoffs.

"Florence is a very aggressive team that has taken most teams out of their game plan," Burns said. "That's why they're 15-1."

"Our leadership has been super in the stretch run. The kids are really focused. That makes my job a lot easier," the Rock-A-Chaw coach noted.

"If we play our game, I think we have a good chance to win this thing," Burns added.

Lady Tigers roll into tournament

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
The Bay High Tiger basketball squad closed out its 1995-96 regular season with a split against the Pass Christian Pirates at the Tiger Dome in Bay St. Louis on Feb. 9.

The Lady Tigers ended their season with a 60-49 win before they head into the district tournament.

The Lady Tigers took a slim 11-10 lead in the first period only to see the Lady Pirates tie the game at 23-23 before halftime.

Bay High exploded for 37 second half points against Pass Christian to ice the win.

Valerie Christmas canned 18

points and 10 rebounds to lead the Lady Tigers while Stefanie Griffiths added 12 points in the win. Alicia Gavagnie continued to be the Lady Tigers most consistent player scoring 10 points, grabbing 10 boards, and dishing out six assists.

Leslie Smith scored 18 points to lead Pass Christian while Mandy Theobald added 12 points. Michelle Bowser rounded out the double figure scorers for the Lady Pirates with 10 points.

The Lady Tigers improve their record to 22-4 on the season.

On the boys side, the Pirates escaped the claws of the Tigers

in a 60-57 win.

Bay High took a slight 16-12 lead in the first period before faltering in the second and scoring only seven points. Bay High could not recover from the second period.

Mark Price led the Tigers with 15 points including four three-pointers. Ricky Soldine added 11 points while Steven Cooksey recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Pirates were led by Darrell Dedeaux and Eddie Riley who both scored 18 points.

The Pirates improve to 11-19 overall.

GCAC junior high All-Conference

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
The Gulf Coast Athletic Conference has announced its all-conference selections for junior high and ninth grade girls and boys basketball teams.

Area players chosen for the ninth grade girls team are Robyn Lewis, Laurae Kynard, and Latressa Lizana all from Pass Christian. The honorable mention selections are Connie

Laneaux, and Hally Massey both from Pass Christian.

Area girls chosen for the eighth grade girls team are Tracy Hall, Shema Ambrose, and Shavon Tate all from Bay High. The Hancock Lady Hawks selections are Brandi Ladner, Angelle Lamb, and Vicki Ladner. The honorable mention selections from Hancock are Dinah Ladner, Jaynell Ladner, and Danielle Necaice.

Pass Christian had Colstrum Clark, Stacy Bradley, and Rosanna Cuevas chosen to the all-conference team. The honorable mention selections from the Lady Pirates were Lisa Lee and Tara Knobbe.

The boys all-conference selections on the ninth grade team from Hancock are Neil Acker, Josh Baptiste, and Kirby Bordelon. Pass Christian had Kentrell Bell, Jeremy Martin, and Justin Arbuthnot chosen for the team. The honorable mention selections from Pass Christian were Eran Landry, Shaun Necaice, and Brad Dewitt.

St. Stanislaus had Paul Farve, Tony Benton, and Junior Davis chosen on the first team.

The eighth grade selections for the boys are Lee Humes, Jason McKay, and Nick Deham from Bay High. Hancock had Brandon Ladner, Bennie Ladner, and Ryan Strief chosen.

The Pirates had Kevin Woods, Rashad Bowser, and Carl Bowser chosen.

St. Stanislaus had Stephen Peterman, David May, and Zeke Davis chosen.

The honorable mention selections from Pass Christian were Elic Laneaux and Bradford Cook. SSC's honorable mention

selections were Brandon Farve, Dawson McCall, and John Ellis.

Hawks end season

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
The Hancock Hawks ended their regular season with a one point victory over the visiting St. John Eagles on Feb. 9.

The Hawks downed the Eagles 63-62 in boys basketball action.

Hancock took a 22-17 lead in the first period only to see the Eagles fire back and tie the game at 28-28 by halftime.

The Hawks used a late fourth period surge to seal the win.

Jerod Breaux led the Hawks with 16 points and 17 rebounds while Jason Jones added 15 points and seven assists. Craig Ahlers and Jahdiel Baptiste each added 12 points in the win.

The Hawks improve their record to 13-13 as they head into the district playoffs this week in Petal.

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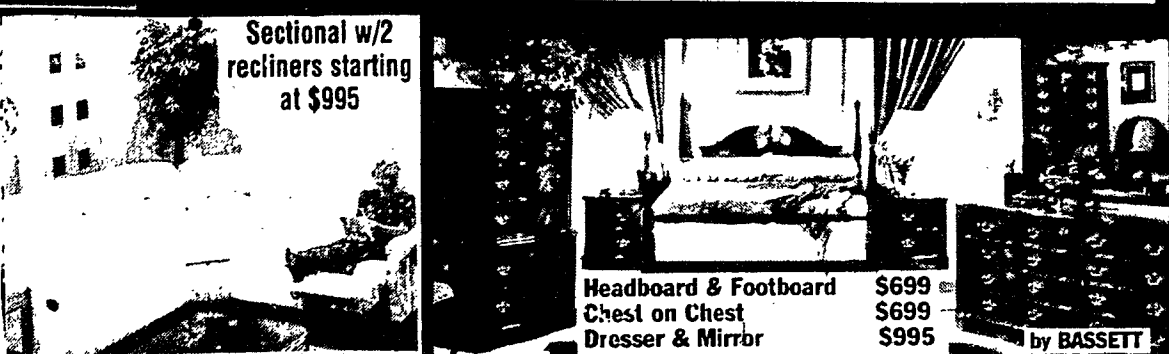
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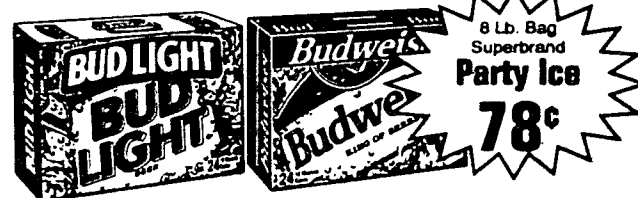
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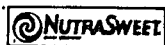


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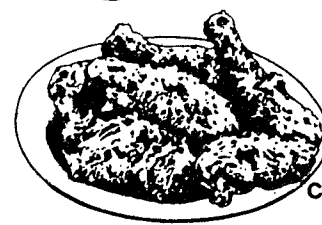


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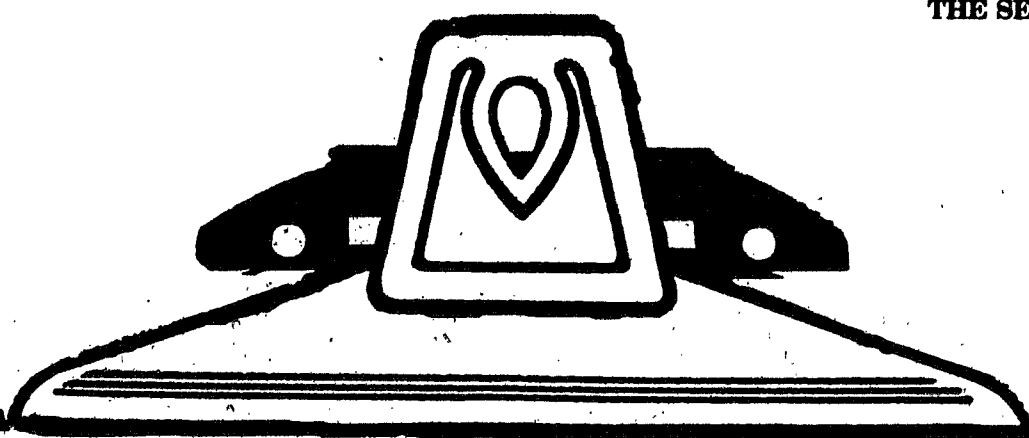
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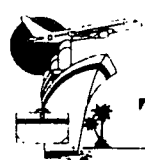
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1992 FORD TEMPO GL: 4 door, 27,000 miles, \$5,150. Call 255-8487.

138 Trucks, Vans

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143 Real Estate Service

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146 Rooms For Rent

CHRISTIAN PERSON SEEKING SOMEONE to rent a room in my home. Smoke free environment. 467-3527.

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GULF GROVE APARTMENTS - 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. \$100 deposit, ask about our 2 bedroom special. Corner of Hwy. 90 & Waveland Ave. Waveland. 467-3122.

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148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BR, H/A, CARPET, LAWN & maintenance furnished. Fenced yard, pet free environment. \$375/mo, \$225/damage deposit. Call Glenda or Janell, 467-9261.

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14X65 MOBILE HOME W/PROPERTY, septic tank & well, w/satellite disk all included. Asking \$20,000 will negotiate. Call 467-7993.

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150 Unfurn. Houses For Rent

1 BR HOUSE IN HISTORICAL BSL. \$295/mo plus deposit. Pets welcomed. 466-2767.

2 BR HOUSE IN WAVELAND. Central air/heat, stove, refrigerator. \$395/mo, plus deposit. 467-1728.

3 BR, 1 BA, LG. YARD, WASHER/dryer. 414 N. Necaise, Waveland. \$400/mo, \$400/deposit. 504-863-9363.

3 BR/2BA, CENT. A/H, fenced back yard. Very nice subdivision, dead-end st. \$600/mo, \$600/deposit, \$150 pet dep/ non refundable. 467-7028.

3 BR, 2 BATH, 1995 NEW CONSTRUCTION, large yard, carport, has stove, ref., dishwasher, ceiling fans, carpet, located 302 and 304 Julia St., B.S.L., Ms. \$775 + deposit. 601-467-5662 9-5 or 467-4613.

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DOWNTOWN BSL: CIRCA, 1883 Cottage, excellent shape. Living room, den, 1 BR, 1 BA, kitchen stove, refrigerator, fans, curtains, blinds, picket fence, porch & patio. \$450/mo. plus deposit. 468-4361.

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ONE BEDROOM HOME, WATER, LAWN care provided, fenced yard, pet-free environment. \$350/month, \$225/deposit. Call 467-9261.

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151 Furn. Houses For Rent

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156 Lots/Acreage

24 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE: C.C. & Billy Green Road. Frontage on black top road, right off Hwy. 603. Rich high land, never floods, close to schools and church 300 ft. well, 2 septic tanks. Asking \$3,000/acre, will negotiate. Selling due to health. Phone 1-601-255-3607. Margie Smith.

26 ACRES FULL OF HARDWOOD, paved road, located on Fenton-Dedeaux Rd., Kiln. Will sell all for \$2,500 per acre. Owner will finance half. 467-8297.

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Public Notice

Notice in the Complaint, to CECIL G. WOODS, JR., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is P.O. BOX 993, Gulfport, Mississippi 39502. Your response must be mailed or delivered, within thirty (30) days after the first day of February, 1996, which is the first date of publication of this summons. If your answer is not so mailed or delivered, a judgment by Default will be entered against you for the money, or other things demanded, in the complaint.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this court within a reasonable amount of time after said day of February 15, 1996.

BY: Mardi Anders, Clerk
2-15-96

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: JESSICA MARIE ELLIS, A Minor Child

TERRI L. ELLIS, PLAINTIFF

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 950092
(Service by Publication)

TO: MICHAEL ELLIS, whose present residence and address is UNKNOWN, you have been made a Defendant in a Complaint filed in the CHANCERY Court of HANCOCK County, Mississippi, Judicial District, by TERRI ELLIS, seeking RELIEF.

You are required to mail or hand deliver, a copy of a written Answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint, to CECIL G. WOODS, JR., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is P.O. BOX 993, Gulfport, Mississippi 39502. Your response must be mailed or delivered, within thirty (30) days after the first day of February, 1996, which is the first date of publication of this summons. If your answer is not so mailed or delivered, a judgment by Default will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded, in the Complaint.

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BY: Mardi Anders, Clerk
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GRACE GILPENZO HUNTER, Deceased

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CAUSE NO. 950098

ALL CREDITORS OF GRACE GILPENZO HUNTER, who was granted on the 12 day of January, 1996, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Grace Gilpenzo Hunter, deceased, notices hereby, that all claims against said estate must be presented to the undersigned, at the County Clerk's Office, within thirty (30) days after the first day of February, 1996, which is the first date of publication of this notice. If your claim is not so presented, it will be barred by the judgment of the court.

EDWARD MORRIS HUNTER, EXECUTOR

2-15-96

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Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL DIVISION
MISSISSIPPI
STATE TAX COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 540
MADISON
MS 39130-0540

We, the officers of Cafe Reef, Inc. intend to make application for a Caterer's permit for holders of On-Premise Retailer's Permit under the provisions of the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws 67-1-1 et. seq. Mississippi Code of 1972. If granted a permit we propose to operate as a Corporation under the trade name of Cafe Reef, Inc. at 439 Highway 90, Waveland of Hancock County.

The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owners/partners/officer(s) and/or major stockholder(s) of the above are as follows:

Deborah Plauche, Pres., 86 Wolfe St., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Reef Enterprises, Inc., 439 Highway 90, Waveland, MS 39576 (Major Stockholder)
THIS, the 13th day of February, 1996.

2-15; 2-18-96

Public Notice

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S
NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of December, 1993, RAY A. BILLEAU, III and wife, KRISTAL BILLEAU, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto William F. Jones, Trustee, MAGNOLIA FEDERAL BANK FOR SAVINGS, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 401, Page 611, of the Records of said County and Deeds of Trust on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of a portion of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust having declared all of the amount due and having requested this sale for the purpose of paying said indebtedness or as much thereof as said sale brings;
NOW THEREFORE, I, Cy Faneca, Substituted Trustee, will on the 15th day of March, 1996, within lawful hours, being between the hours of 11:00 O'clock A.M. and 4:00 P.M., offer for sale and will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, State of Mississippi, the following described real property situate and being in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows to-wit:
Lot 32, Square 140, Subdivision of Park Subdivision, Unit #2, a subdivision of Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;
together with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging.
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 2nd day of February, 1996.

CY FANECAL, Substituted Trustee
2-8; 2-15; 2-22; 2-29-96

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on June 15, 1992, Kerry Bryan Fowler and wife, Helen C. Fowler, executed a Deed of Trust to Jim Stewart Robinson, Trustee for Jim Water Homes, Inc., Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Land Deed of Trust Book 372, at Page 474-475, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;
AND WHEREAS, this Deed of Trust was assigned by Jim Water Homes, Inc. to Mid State Homes, Inc., by parties in interest, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid;
AND WHEREAS, this Deed of Trust was assigned by Mid State Homes, Inc. to Mid State Trust IV, a business trust, and by Mid State Trust IV, a business trust, to First National Bank of Florida, Trustee, by instrument recorded in Book 429, at Page 243-250, in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid;
AND WHEREAS, this Deed of Trust was assigned by First National Bank of Florida, Trustee, to Mid State Trust IV, a business trust, by instrument recorded in Book 446, at Page 116, in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid;
AND WHEREAS, default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note and Deed of Trust having requested the undersigned Trustee to do so, I, on the 8th day of March, 1996, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property, situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
Lot 13 and the East 2nd of Lot 12, Square 2, SHORLINE PARK SUBDIVISION, Unit #1, a subdivision of Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 7th day of February, 1996.

W. Stewart Robinson, Trustee
2-15; 2-22; 2-29; 3-7-96

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S
NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on the 17th day of January, 1994, LARRY GILLUM and JANICE GILLUM executed a certain deed of trust to Robert L. Genin, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Hancock Bank which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County and State of Mississippi in Book 403 at Page 683-686; and
WHEREAS, Hancock Bank has heretofore substituted Trustee Tubertini in place and in stead of Robert L. Genin, Jr., by instrument dated January 22, 1995 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 446 at Page 481; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees and expenses of sale;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard B. Tubertini, Substituted Trustee, under the provisions of and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in the same Deed of Trust, will on the 8th day of March, 1996, within the legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, in the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, offer for sale and sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, the following described property lying and being situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit:
Lots 9 and 10, as per plat of Eleven Lots in the Northwest part of Lot 2 of Colly Subdivision in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 14 West, as per plat recorded in Book 1-7, Page 5 of the Deeds of Records of Hancock County, Mississippi.
The undersigned Substituted Trustee will convey only such title as is vested in him by virtue of the above described Deed of Trust.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 13th day of February, 1996.

RICHARD B. TUBERTINI, Substituted Trustee
2-15; 2-22; 2-29; 3-7-96

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
KOLL SHEEHAN, Deceased
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 95-0046
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 26th day of January, 1996, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Thomas A. Dean, Jr., deceased, and Eva Hursey Dean, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
This 29th day of January, 1996.

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2-1; 2-8; 2-15-96

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF
THOMAS A. DEAN, JR., Deceased
AND
EVA HURSEY DEAN, Deceased
NO. 95-0055
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 29th day of January, 1996, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estates of Thomas A. Dean, Jr., deceased, and Eva Hursey Dean, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
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This 29th day of January, 1996.

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Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
HANCOCK COUNTY, BAY ST. LOUIS
MISSISSIPPI 39520
GREGORY DEAR PONDREXTER AND CYNTHIA JANE PONDREXTER
VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RIDGLEY CURRY

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 950190
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RIDGLEY CURRY

You have been made a Defendant in the estate filed in the Court by Gregory Dear Pondrextor and Cynthia Jane Pondrextor, initiating a civil action alleging that Lewa Curry is the sole and only heir at law of Ridgley Curry, deceased, and seeking an adjudication of such heirs.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Gerard C. Gay, Attorney for the Petitioner, whose address is Water Tower Plaza, 636 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 15th DAY OF February, 1996, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS.

IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE PETITION.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 13th day of February, 1996.

(SEALED)

Timothy A. Kellar, Clerk of Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi
Main Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
2-15; 2-22; 2-29-96

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, BAY ST. LOUIS
MISSISSIPPI 39520
JOHANNA M. COCI LAPUYADE, Plaintiff(s)
VS.
HEIRS AT LAW OF MAUDE E. BONCK COCI, Deceased, Defendant(s)

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 950505
(Service by Publication)
(Residence Unknown)

TO: Heirs at law of MAUDE E. BONCK COCI, deceased, whose last known address was unknown; but whose present residence and address is unknown. You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in the Court by JOHANNA M. COCI LAPUYADE, Plaintiff, whose address is c/o John C. Chevis, Jr., 125-5 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging that JOHANNA M. COCI LAPUYADE, Daniel P. Coci, Carolyn M. B. Coci, and Gordon P. Coci are the sole and only heirs at law of MAUDE E. BONCK COCI, deceased, and seeking adjudication of such heirs.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written Answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint to JOHN C. CHEVIS, JR., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 125-5 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

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Witness my signature and official seal this 26th day of January, 1996.

Timothy A. Kellar, Clerk of Court
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2-1; 2-8; 2-15-96

TRUSTEE ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the post of Trustee for the added territory of the Bay St. Louis Waveland School District. The election will be held on Saturday, March 2, 1996, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Registered voters living in the Bay St. Louis Waveland School District outside of the corporate limits of the City of Bay St. Louis are eligible to vote in the election. Said election will be held at Waveland Elementary School, 1101 St. Joseph Street, Waveland, Mississippi, Hancock County.
The candidates are: Bryon O. Griffin
Linda Penrice
Witness my signature, this 13th day of February, 1996.

PAUL A. TIDWELL, SUPERINTENDENT
BAY ST. LOUIS WAVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
2-15; 2-22; 2-29-96

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SHARON M. CLARY, ADMINISTRATRIX
VERSUS
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF NORA LEE KOLL SHEEHAN, Deceased, Defendant(s)

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
NO. 95-0045
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF NORA LEE KOLL SHEEHAN, Deceased

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in the Court by Sharon M. Clary, Petitioner, seeking to establish her share and place the heirs in possession of certain real property. Defendants other than you in this action are none.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Honorable Patricia H. Willis, the attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 205 South Beach Blvd., P.O. Box 128, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

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Students exceed goal

Pearl River Community College students and faculty exceeded the 150 unit goal during its campus blood drive.

PRCC's chapters of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses and the Organization for Associate Degree Nurses cosponsored the drive with United Blood Services of Hattiesburg.

Faculty members had an extra incentive to help in the drive. Nursing students gave

instructors and administrators an ultimatum — come up with three to 10 units of blood or spend time in "jail."

The faculty were charged with the task of rounding up students to donate blood in their name. Failure to do so resulted in incarceration in a small jail set up in the center of campus.

Donors received thermal mugs and buffet coupons at Piz-za Inn.

PRCC showchoir on road

Dr. Mark Malone, of Hattiesburg, is taking "The River" on the road this spring.

Under Malone's direction, Pearl River Community College's showchoir *RiverRoad* will perform at the Congressional Wives Luncheon Feb. 29 in Washington, D.C.

The 34-member group will entertain Congressional spouses at the bipartisan noon meeting. Malone received the invitation from Tricia Lott, wife of Mississippi U.S. Senator Trent Lott.

"This is a rare opportunity for us to perform in the Capitol for an impressive group of women from across the nation," said Malone.

RiverRoad will also perform

at the Southern Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association March 1 in Norfolk, Va. The convention is a three-day meeting of college, public school and professional choral musicians.

The showchoir will take the state at Disney World May 12-17 in Orlando, Fla. PRCC's Stage Band will also perform.

Malone has been PRCC's director of choral music for the past 10 years. He also conducts *The Pearl River Singers* concert choir. *The Voices* mixed vocal ensemble and teaches voice and music courses.

The Pearl River Singers performed last summer in England and France.

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FANNIE S. HOLCOMB, COMPLAINANT VERSUS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ET AL, DEFENDANTS PUBLICATION SUMMONS

CAUSE NO. 960035
TO: WILFORD SPANN, I, alive, a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose address, both post office and street address, are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and I, dead, the unknown heirs at law of Wilford Spann, whose names and addresses, both post office and street address, are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, MRS. CARROLL GORMAN SPANN, I, alive, a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose address, both post office and street address, are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and I, dead, the unknown heirs at law of Mrs. Carroll Gorman Spann, whose names and addresses, both post office and street address, are unknown after diligent search and inquiry. Any and all persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in the following lands: Lot 15, Block 7, Unit 4, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Fannie S. Holcomb, Complainant, whose address is c/o W. Rodrick Johnson, Jr., Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39325.

The Bill of Complaint filed against you and claimed a civil cause of action for the following: The Plaintiff, Fannie S. Holcomb, is the owner of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written Answer after admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint; and, in addition, a copy of your written Answer should be mailed or hand delivered to the Plaintiff, Fannie S. Holcomb, at the address above, or to her attorney, W. Rodrick Johnson, Jr., at the address above, or to the Clerk of this Court, at the address above, on or before the date of the first publication of this summons.

IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER OR TO DEFEND, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 17 day of January, 1996.

(SEAL)
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK BY: M. DI ANHLS DEPUTY CLERK 1-25; 2-1; 2-8; 2-15-96

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